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## MORE BLOOD MONEY

### Barclays now backs strongman Mugabe

By Dana Rubinstein  
The Brooklyn Paper

Barclays, the slavery- and Apartheid-linked financial institution that paid Bruce Ratner \$400 million for the naming rights to his Atlantic Yards arena, is bankrolling African strongman Robert Mugabe, the Sunday Times of London reported last week — prompting one Brooklyn leader to say “enough is enough” with the tarnished financial powerhouse.

The Times report that Barclays is “bankrolling Mugabe’s corrupt regime in Zimbabwe by providing substantial loans to cronies given land seized from white farmers” had Brooklyn’s black leaders seething. Such agricultural policies have led to widespread hunger in the country.

“The apparent connection between Barclays and the Mugabe regime is deeply troubling,” said Assemblyman Hakeme Jeffries (D-Fort Greene). “It provides another example of Barclays doing business either with a regime that has a questionable human rights record or in support of institutions connected to the oppression of people of color.”

The Times report said that Barclays has lent \$1.1 billion to the landowning

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elite in Zimbabwe, possibly including five Mugabe ministers whom the European Union has sanctioned.

“Barclays is giving money to this regime and propping it up in an opaque process,” Terrell Bill, secretary-general of the Movement for Democratic Change, told The Times, which also reported that Barclays is one of the few banks still active in Zimbabwe.

In fact, it is actually opening new branches there. Meanwhile, in Brooklyn, black leaders continued to condemn Forest City Ratner’s deal with Barclays, which will embelish the bank’s tarnished name onto one of the most important and iconic new structures in a borough known for its diversity and tolerance.

“We now have the possibility that Barclays was involved with the trans-Atlantic slave trade, the Nazi regime in France, South African Apartheid and Mugabe’s brutal regime,” said Jeffries.

“At some point, the decent people of Brooklyn will rise up and say, ‘Enough is enough!’ This is not the right direction for us to go in with respect to this project.”

See **MUGABE** on page 14

## Freaks: Bloomy saved Coney

By Dana Rubinstein  
The Brooklyn Paper

Mayor Bloomberg was hailed as the savior of Coney Island this week, even as new questions emerged about his grand redevelopment vision — one that does not differ greatly from the Thor Equities plan it replaces.

“The mayor is my hero,” gushed Dick Zgun, founder of the Coney Island Circus Sideshow and unofficial mayor of Coney Island.

Zgun heaped lavish praise on the mayor for his biting dismissal last week of Thor Equities’ \$1.5-billion vision for Coney Island. “We [want] a developer who has real world-class experience,” Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff said at a Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Gargallo’s on Nov. 8. Bloomberg and Doctoroff’s public obituary to Thor Equities’ plan came after nearly a year of growing frustrated with developer Joe Sitt’s vision for the amusement district of Coney Island, between West Eighth and West 19th streets. Originally, Sitt wanted a massive, 247/365 outdoor-indoor amusement area, financed through large condo towers.

Responding to neighborhood objections,



This is the city’s vision for Coney Island — which is similar to that of ousted developer Joe Sitt.

Sitt said he would instead generate revenue for his transformation of the People’s Play-ground into a “Vegas by the sea” with time-share hotel rooms.

But that change wasn’t enough to win him city backing, which he would need in order to

get the zoning variance necessary to build a hotel and other attractions in the current Coney amusement zone.

So the city unveiled its own, remarkably similar plan.

“The mayor’s plan is a scaled down ver-

sion of Thor Equities’ plan,” said Councilman Dominic Recchia (D-Coney Island), a one-time supporter of Thor Equities.

Like Sitt, Bloomberg sees a modern playground, which would include a movie theater, hotels, a new roller coaster and an indoor water park.

Similarly, the mayor’s plan calls for just one operator to transform the amusement district from a hodgepodge of concessions into a single theme park.

Today, you can’t have a bunch of individual little things and have them survive, not when the public has entertainment alternatives,” said Bloomberg.

“They can fly anywhere for next to nothing.” Indeed, there are only two major differ-

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## Fall into Brooklyn

Prospect Park was in its autumn glory on Tuesday, during the year’s first, albeit brief, cold snap.

## Her brush with death is worth \$2,750

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

A beloved historic preservationist who was almost decapitated by a guillotine of glass that fell from a decrepit Seventh Avenue building, has won a small victory over the tenement’s owner.

Pat Malina won \$2,750 in Brooklyn Small Claims Court last month to cover damages to her Masha Mitai, whose roof was sliced open by a sheet of glass that fell from the vacant building at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Second Street in March.

The money didn’t even cover the repairs — and it certainly didn’t wipe away the memories.

“I nearly died that day,” said Malina, who was not in the car when the 36-inch shard fell.

Although the owner was held responsible for the damages, Malina is more concerned about the city’s role in ensuring street-level safety.

For years before a chunk of glass slit through her car, See **\$2,750** on page 14



Pat Malina in front of the building that nearly killed her.

## See what The Brooklyn Paper’s BIG TURKEY contest winners won: P.8

## Gobble, gobble! Feast on our ‘Turkey’ winners!



From a bunch of post-college nincompoops to a parrot who refused to let his human companions eat a brother bird, this year’s “Big Turkey” contest yielded a cornucopia of funny, sad, touching and embarrassing Thanksgiving stories. Here are excerpts from our four winning entries:

### The Know Nothings By Warren Cohen

In 1989, my three best pals and I were baby birds out of the nest — just 22-years-old on our first post-college bachelor digs that had a dinner table that none of us knew how to use. A kitchen.

When November came, we decided to attempt a Thanksgiving dinner as a way of impressing our female neighbors.

We preheated the oven and followed the directions to prep the bird. “Remove the giblets” was the first order of business. We tried to reach inside the bird’s cavity to grab them, but our hands could barely fit inside.

We untied the turkey legs to get a better angle, but that still yielded nothing.

Anxiously, we called one of our mothers to walk us through it, but she was stumped. In a panic, we started speed-dialing everyone we knew in the over-50 set and received all

sorts of advice, including one mother who advised us to really stretch open the turkey’s legs to enlarge the opening. We tried but the turkey was stiff, as if it had rigor mortis.

Did we, in our innocence, purchase a defective turkey? Our next call yielded the important, forgotten detail: defrosting.

Who knew you had to defrost a turkey? With a necessary five hours of defrosting per pound, our turkey would be ready to eat in early December. We withdrew our invitation to the neighbors and shared a ramen Thanksgiving instead.

### A Sticky Situation By Marion Sisserman

My son has a parrot that he brings wherever he goes. My husband and I ask him not to bring the parrot to our house anymore because he takes the parrot out of his cage and is very annoying when he flies around.

My son thinks it is very funny, but my husband always tells him, “One day, I am going to put that bird in the oven.”

Last year on Thanksgiving, my husband and I decided to play a joke on my son. I bought a Cornish hen, and while I was cooking my turkey, I cooked the hen.

My son came over with his wife and the bird that we asked him not to bring. After everyone arrived, I told my son and his wife to pick up my mother — and when they left, I had the bird on the terrace, and took out my food (and the Cornish hen).

When my son came back, he said, “Where is Sticky?” (that’s the bird’s name). My husband said, “Sticky is sleeping with the fishes. I warned you that one day I was going to cook that bird — well, here he is on the table.”

After my son and his wife finished hyperventilating, we told him that

we were just joking and that the bird was on the terrace. But when he went to get the bird, Sticky was almost frozen (it’s a tropical bird and should not be put in the cold — but how should I know that?).

We all thought the bird was dead, but fortunately, he started to move his wings.

We then had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and we were both taught a lesson: My son does not bring the bird to my house anymore, and now I’m the bird.

### Tuna in the Wild By Sydelle Freed

In the summer, I get away from it all by going to central Maine, 450 miles north of here, but light years away in lifestyle.

I was visiting this same wooded farming community one Thanksgiving. Since I am only a summer visitor, I had many invitations extended to me to share in the Thanksgiving festivities. First, I went to my across-the-street neighbors. Someone (who shall remain unnamed) had run into a goose and it was still stuck to the front grill of a large Chevy. They cut open the goose and found it had fermented berries in its belly, meaning it was drunk when it strayed into the middle of the road waiting to get run into.

I passed on that exotic treat, only to have the husband tell me he just shot a rabbit and the stew would be ready shortly. I forgot what excuse I made, but I high-tailed it out of there and went to visit another friend about five miles away.

By now, I was quite hungry. This second friend informed me that the thing I was smelling was a frozen moose rum punch defrosting in the microwave. It had been recently shot by her father, and wasn’t I so lucky to be able to share it with them?

Again, I made another excuse and left to visit another friend, really just wanting a turkey.

My options were running low. This third friend had a cauldron outside and was boiling the skin off a deer, explaining that they (meaning we) were having venison for dinner.

While I applauded them for hunting down their own Thanksgiving dinner, it wasn’t any more palatable to me than whatever you could hunt in Brooklyn (squirrel, raccoon, rat). I didn’t want to be ungracious, but I wanted my turkey.

I ended up having a tuna fish sandwich for my Thanksgiving meal. I think about this story every Thanksgiving. In fact, last year, I trudged a whole smoked turkey from Fairway up there for Christmas vacation, just to make sure that I didn’t have to go through any of that again!

### Roxy Defends a Fellow Bird By Susan Caputo

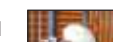
Last Thanksgiving, my son, as usual, brought his African Grey Parrot to my house and allowed him to sit on his shoulder. As we put the turkey on the table, Roxy — the parrot — calmly walked off my son’s shoulder, down his arm and onto the turkey.

And there he sat. We were astounded. Every time one of us would try to grab Roxy, she would just start running around on the turkey. There was no way we could start carving the turkey with her on it. It was as if she was telling us, “No way.”

We did eat all the trimmings, but we never ate the turkey. We actually felt guilty. Roxy remained on this turkey until she was caught off guard many hours later by my son and put back into her cage. Some of us ate the turkey the next day, but guests lost out.



Sydelle just wanted some turkey!



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## EDITORS' PICKS

### SATURDAY

November 17

#### 'History' Lessons

Today (and tomorrow) the Brick Theater presents "Secrets History Remembers," a production by famed puppeteer the Evolve Company. Enjoy the 7-foot-tall Victorian doll that opens up to reveal dancing pill bottles and a singing bowl of cereal.

8 pm at the Brick Theater (575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg) \$10. For information, call (212) 352-3101 or visit [www.bricktheater.com](http://www.bricktheater.com).

### SUNDAY

November 18

#### Fleck's music muscles

In the second show of its 20th season, the Brooklyn Friends of Chamber Music, under the direction of chamber music czarina Wanda Fleck, presents the Chiara String Quartet — with the additional help of Edward Arron on cello — performing the works of Haydn, Schubert, Voss and Gajgaj. 3 pm at the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue (131 Remsen St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights) \$20, \$10 students, \$10 seniors. For information, call (718) 855-3053 or visit [www.brooklynfriendsofchambermusic.org](http://www.brooklynfriendsofchambermusic.org).

### TUESDAY

November 20

#### Bird calls

You'll need all the funny you can get before dealing with the trials of Thanksgiving and tonight, Magnetic Field is providing it with "Pant-Hoot," a night of laughs featuring comics Michelle Buteau (pictured) and Noah Garfield. It actually doesn't sound too different from Thanksgiving dinner after all.

8 pm at Magnetic Field (97 Atlantic Ave. at Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights) Free. For information, call (718) 834-0069 or visit [www.magneticbrooklyn.com](http://www.magneticbrooklyn.com).

### THURSDAY

November 22

#### Turkey day

It's Thanksgiving! So whether piling into a car for a long haul or onto the subway for a short one, everybody's got an obnoxious trip to make today. (Although some wise people are just heading to a restaurant! See page 9 to find out where!) But once you're all sedated by tryptophan and eyeing that second — okay, third — slice of pumpkin pie, it all seems worth it. Sort of.

### FRIDAY

November 23

#### Burn it off!

Besides being the start of the holiday shopping season, the day after Thanksgiving is a good time to get to the gym. Not only will you beat the New Year's resolution crowd by a month, you'll also feel slightly less guilty about all the eggnog you're sure to pack away.

6 am-10 pm at Gleason's Gym (77 Front St. at Main Street in DUMBO) \$15 for access to the gym, \$35 for a personal training session. For information, call (718) 797-2872 or visit [www.gleasonsgym.net](http://www.gleasonsgym.net).

# NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

### SAT, NOV 17

#### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**BIRDWATCHING:** Learn about the birds of Prospect Park. Noon to 1:30 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400. Free.

**ANYPLACE TOUR:** Audio walking tour about development and public space in Downtown Brooklyn. Noon to 2 pm; one-hour tour begins every five minutes. Meet at public tables at Wiloughby and Adams streets to pick up materials. Bring a CD player or an MP3 player with files downloaded from [www.anyplacebrooklyn.com](http://www.anyplacebrooklyn.com). Free.

**GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY:** Big Onion Tours hosts a walk, "City of the Dead." Walk offers an introduction to the history, architecture and people of the cemetery. \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students, 1 pm. Meet at main entrance, Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (718) 459-1093.

#### PERFORMANCE

**JAZZ CONCERT:** Brooklyn Public Library's Windsor Terrace branch presents guitarist Ed Cherry. 11 am, 160 E. Fifth St. (718) 686-9070. Free.

**NEXT WAVE:** Israel's Batseva Dance Company performs "Three." \$20 to \$55. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. Also, "One Loss Flies," a multimedia performance, conceived and composed by Daniel Bernard Ruman. \$20 to \$35. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater, 311 Fulton St. (718) 434-4100.

**BARGE MUSIC:** presents a classical music concert with works by Handel and Beethoven. "Mentor and Master." \$35, \$30 seniors, \$20 students. 8 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing, 342 Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 434-2033.

**DUMBOLO:** "The Body Parts Edition." \$20, 8 pm. powerhouse Arena, 37 Main St. (718) 664-5541. Free.

**MARIONETTE THEATER:** The Czechoslovakian Marionette Theater presents a musical version of "Helter," starring marionettes and taking place on a carousel. \$15, \$12 kids 12 and younger, 2 pm and 7:30 pm. Janine's Carousel, 507 5th St. (712) 668-4444.

#### OTHER

**WEEKSVILLE FARMERS MARKET:** Farm-fresh produce. 9 am to 3 pm. 1699 Bergen Avenue, between Rochester and Buffalo avenues. (718) 788-8500.

**THRIFT SALE:** at New Utrecht Reformed Church. 10 am to 3 pm. 14th Avenue and 84th Street. (718) 254-7173.

**HOLLYBERRY FAIR:** Annual fair featuring arts and crafts. 10 am to 4 pm. Camp Friendship, 1000 10th Avenue at the East River. (718) 768-3093.

**INDIE MARKET:** Collection of Brooklyn-based emerging designers show their wares: fashion, accessories, bath and beauty, pet gear, home-goods and more. 11 am to 7 pm. Smith and Union streets. [www.brooklynindiemarket.com](http://www.brooklynindiemarket.com).

**BLOOD DRIVE:** NY Blood Center hosts a drive in Park Slope. 11:30 am to 2 pm. 126 Seventh Ave. (800) 933-BLOOD.

**ANIMAL ADOPTION:** Dogs, puppies, cats, kittens. 11:30 am to 4 pm. Saint Charles, 450 67th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues. (718) 988-1362.

**BROOKLYN MUSEUM:** Panel discussion, "Exploring Popular Culture in the Caribbean: Through Music," examines the cultural impact of popular Caribbean musical styles including soca, calypso, reggae, mambo and merengue. \$8, \$4 seniors and students. Free for members. 6 pm. 125th Street at Avenue C. (718) 636-5000.

### SUN, NOV 18

#### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**BUSHWICK WALK:** Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment offers the tour "Up from Flames." See Bushwick, the product of 30 years of growth and private investment in this once burned out neighborhood. \$15, \$10 members, \$8 seniors and students. 2 pm to 4 pm. Meet at corner of Gates and Wyckoff avenues, outside of the Myrtle-Wyckoff station. (718) 788-8500, ext. 208.

**AUTUMN TREE ID:** Fort Greene Park offers a talk on how to identify the trees in the park. Urban Park Rangers lead talk. 1 pm. Call 311 for info.

**RAVINE WALK:** Urban Park Rangers take a walk in a section of Prospect Park that looks similar to the Adirondacks. 1 pm. Meet at the Audubon Center, enter park at Prospect Park West and 15th Street. (718) 287-3400. Free.

**WALK ON THE WILD SIDE:** Naturalist Steve Brill hosts "Wild Food and Ecology" tour of Prospect Park. Learn about native plants and medicinal wild plants and mushrooms found in the park. Enjoy a snack on pastries and a late-season fruit found in the park. \$12, \$6 kids 12 and younger. 1 pm. Meet at Grand Army Plaza entrance to Prospect Park. Call for reservations. (718) 635-2153.

**GREENWOOD CEMETERY:** Historic Fund presents Chester Burger, author of "Unexpected New York: 87 Discoveries in Familiar Places." Greenwood is one of the sites named in the book. Talk and walk includes visits to unexpected grave sites. \$5 donation. 1 pm. Meet at Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (718) 788-7300.

#### PERFORMANCE

**CHAMBER MUSIC:** Brooklyn Friends of Chamber Music presents the Chiara String Quartet with Edward Arron. \$20, \$10 students. 3 pm. Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, 131 Remsen St. between Clinton and Henry streets. (718) 855-3053.

**ORGAN MUSIC:** Union Church hosts a concert of musical works written for the organ. 4 pm. Donations accepted. Ridge Boulevard and 88th Street. (718) 245-0358.

**BARGE MUSIC:** "Mentor and Master." 4 pm. Marionette Theater. "Helter." 2 pm. See Saturday, Nov. 17.

#### OTHER

**Flea Market:** Holiday gifts, old and new treasures, hand-made items, jewelry, household items and more. 9 am to 4 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center, 81st Street and Fourth Avenue. (718) 434-3103.

**ART WALK:** Jerry Rose Jewish Singles Group takes a GERMAN WALK in Park Slope. 11:30 am to 2 pm. Ages 50 and over please. For information, email [jen55@yahoo.com](mailto:jen55@yahoo.com).

**DISAPPEARING DUTCH:** As part of the Five Dutch Days, a citywide celebration, Lefferts Historic House hosts "Disappearing Dutch: The Guller's Kitchen." Interaction of Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard. (718) 905-8997. Free.

**BROOKLYN MUSEUM:** Gallery talk: "The Art and Science of Watercolor." \$8, \$4 seniors and students. Free for members and children 12 and younger. 2 pm to 4 pm. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000.

**MAI JONG LESSONS:** Learn the Chinese Jewish game. \$20, 2 pm to 5 pm. Protosus Gorman, 543 Union St. at Nevins Street. Call for reservations. (718) 243-1272.

**ART RECEPTION:** The Gallery at Harriet's Alter Ego presents "The 'Val' Years, Female Portraits of the American Muslim Community." 1 pm to 4 pm. 293 Flatbush Avenue. (646) 591-9500. Free.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Visions for Peace in Israel! Palestine offers a talk "The Media and New Developments in the Israel/Palestine Conflict." 3 pm to 5 pm. St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St. (718) 624-5921. Free.

**READINGS:** Author Josh Seidman reads from his new book "The Real Estate Magazine for the Booming Borough."

### CIVIC CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, NOV. 17**  
Community Education Council District 15 (P.S. 25) Share Fair. PS (307 47th St. between Third and Fourth avenues, in Sunset Park). 9 am. Call (718) 955-4267.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 18**  
84th Precinct Community Council. On the agenda: Thanksgiving turkey raffle. Phoenix House (50 Jay St. between Plymouth and Winter streets, in DUMBO). 7 pm. Call (718) 802-3857.

**MONDAY, NOV. 19**  
94th Precinct Community Council. Monthly meeting. North Fork Bank (807 Manhattan St. at Court Street, in Greenpoint). Call (718) 383-5298.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 20**  
Community Board 10. Full board meeting. Newington Christian Home (1250 67th St. between 12th and 13th avenues in Dyer Heights). 7:15 pm. Call (718) 745-6827.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21**  
Cavendish Gardens Neighborhood Association. Town hall forum on landmark designation. PS 58 (330 Smith St. at Carroll Street). 6:30 pm. Call (718) 858-4699.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 22**  
Community Board 6 Housing and Human Services Committee. St. Francis College 180 Remsen St., just west of Court Street, in Brooklyn Heights. Call (718) 439-4220.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 23**  
Community Board 2 Transportation and Public Safety Committee. St. Francis College 180 Remsen St., just west of Court Street, in Brooklyn Heights. Call (718) 596-5410.

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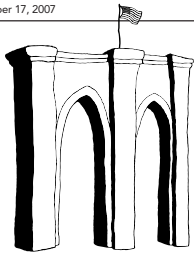
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# THE STOOP

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## The dough is rising all over

**B**eing a carbohydrate lover in Brooklyn Heights is costly — and I don't mean having to sacrifice your size-6 jeans.

The price of wheat recently hit an all-time high due in part to a drought and gasoline surcharges, and businesses that make a buck on baked goods are feeling the crunch. But not all of our neighborhood stores are dealing with recent economic pressure in the same way.

Lassen and Hennings, a neighborhood staple for almost 60 years, has six full-time bakers at its store at 114 Montague St. Prices have gone up in the past few weeks, so I sought out the owners to find out how the higher cost of wheat is affecting business. But a man who identified himself as "the owner," suggested that I was making a famine out of a weak harvest.

"Everything went up in the last couple months: eggs, butter, milk, nuts, raisins," he said. "It's all expensive ... just take it as it is. Customers don't notice. They don't know what's up."

I asked again for his name.

"I'm not telling you my name."

Click! I didn't realize wheat was such a hot-blooded issue. Two weeks ago, Montague Street Bagels, on Montague Street between Henry and Hicks streets, increased prices by 10 cents a bagel to 80 cents. To explain its move, the store posted an article on the rising cost of wheat.

Another vendor of floury treats was willing to talk, however. "Just add water, flour, eggs, labor, the Health Department and taxes ... and then you have something that nobody can afford," said Jim Montemurro, the owner of Cranberry's, which is at near the corner of Henry and Cranberry streets.

Two weeks ago, Montemurro raised prices, blaming increased fuel surcharges from his suppliers. He posted three signs to help his customers understand the complicated issue.

"Now people are starting to ask what's going on with the prices," he said. "All I can say is, 'Well, I've been trying to tell you.'"

For all you scrooges, the neighborhood has one purveyor that can endure most major economic fluctuations.

"We haven't raised prices for at least 10 years and we're not planning to," said Chris Kierski, manager of Grimaldi's pizza on Old Fulton Street. Yes, the famed coal-oven pie shop has added a surcharge to deliveries "because of gasoline and everything."

Kierski said, but the price of a sublime large pie remains \$14. Kierski admitted that Grimaldi's could easily get away with raising prices — just look at the line of customers that stretches down the block — but said that the pizzeria will just "swallow" the added costs.

"We love our customers," he said. So does Montemurro: "At the end of the day, we try to raise prices very minimally. If I raise prices 15 to 20 cents, people think I'm making a killing." He's not.

Indeed in this case, whether cantankerous or concerned, our local shopkeepers are not to blame for the turbo crisis.

Juliana Bunim is a writer who lives in Brooklyn Heights.

### THE KITCHEN SINK

Our pals at the **Montague Street Business Improvement District** have a new president. Real-estate legend, **Tim King** of **Massey-Knokol Realty Services**, is taking the reins from **Bill Ross**, who held the position for about six years.

Lap up the **"Flavor of Brooklyn"** at 176 Johnson St., where three local Brooklyn artists will display work inspired by the borough on Dec. 1 and 2. Our friend **Tucker Reed** of the **DUMBO Improvement District** wants to find a local artist to design a mural for the dull metal fence on **Front Street** between Adams and Pearl streets. The selected artist will be given a \$9,000 budget. For information, e-mail [tucker@dumbonyc.org](mailto:tucker@dumbonyc.org). It would be nice if the Department of Transportation, which owns the fence, would have taken care of this itself, you know.

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### HEIGHTS LOWDOWN



Juliana Bunim



## Playing for a cause

The Klezmatics played the Brooklyn Lyceum on Sunday to raise money for Develop Don't Destroy's fight against Atlantic Yards. The evening raised \$4,500 for the group.

## City: Save history on Duffield by paving over Duffield homes

By Gersh Kuntzman

The Brooklyn Paper

The city's memorial to Brooklyn's Underground Railroad history will sit atop an underground parking lot that will be built where some of the very Abolitionists' history being commemorated is said to have actually happened.

The city Economic Development Corporation this week put out a request for proposals to build a \$2-million "Brooklyn Abolitionism Commemoration" in the proposed, Bryant Park-styled "Willoughby Square," a 15-acre greenspace that will require several historic homes on Duffield Street to be torn down.

The irony was not lost on supporters of the Underground Railroad houses.

"The best way to commemorate the Abolition work that was done Downtown is to preserve the houses on Duffield Street," said Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Fort Greene).

That said, James said she supports the city effort to commemorate Downtown's role in ending slavery.

City officials have denied that the Duffield houses were directly linked to the Underground Railroad, and the RFP continues that position: "A number of homes and churches in Downtown Brooklyn and the surrounding area have connections with the Underground Railroad (including) Plymouth Church (now Plymouth Church of the

Pilgrims) in Brooklyn Heights; Bridge Street A.W.M.E. Church (now Polytechnic University student center in MetroTech); Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Fort Greene; and the Siloam Presbyterian Church, and Concord Baptist Church."

The winning bidder must not only design a great monument, but also "provide an interactive, public gathering venue where individuals and groups of all ages can learn about the Abolitionist Movement and the Underground Railroad in Brooklyn."

In addition, the "Abolitionism Commemoration" must include "an ongoing program or series of activities" and "demonstrate program sustainability using allocated funds for at least the next three fiscal years and ... with other sources of funding beyond [that]."



Before a monument to Abolitionism can be built in the proposed "Willoughby Square" greenspace, several homes linked to the Underground Railroad would have to be demolished.

## Gold St seeing triple

By Adam F. Hutton

The Brooklyn Paper

It'll be triplets for Gold Street.

Despite earlier reports that an apartment project on the site of the McDonald's at Tillary and Gold streets would consist of just one building, the developer told The Brooklyn Paper this week that he's actually going to give birth to three.

Each tower will be between 12 and 14 stories, said developer Kevin Lalezarian, complaining that several real-estate Web sites ran an out-

dated rendering of the 312-unit project.

The site is at the edge of an ever-expanding residential community that starts at Tillary Street and goes all the way down to Fulton Street. Projects like the Lalezarian triplets are competing for Manhattan refugees, drawn to the borough by lower prices, bigger living spaces and luxury amenities.

Lalezarian said each of his buildings would have a rooftop deck, underground parking and 13,300 square feet of ground-floor retail space. And lots of luxury touches.

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# THE STOOP

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## Public fight on Public Place

There might be two outs in the bottom of the ninth with an 0-2 count, but it's not over until it's over. At least that's what Frank Verderame wants the city to remember in this last inning of the game that will eventually determine the fate of the former gas manufacturing plant at Smith and Fifth streets, a long-vacant site now slated for residential redevelopment.

### BROOKLYN SOUTH



Ariella Cohen

Verderame, a former Carroll Gardens Assemblyman (and Sacred Heart third baseman — hence the baseball metaphors) has spent the last 30 years waiting for someone to step up to the plate and make something of the 5.8-acre canal-front site, officially known as the "Public Place for Recreational Purposes." Specifically, he has been waiting for baseball fields. Verderame was at the City Planning public hearing in 1978 that ended with an official recommendation that 70 percent of the land be set aside for a sports complex — and he was there months later when that plan by foiled by insurance companies, who refused to cover the site because of the contamination said.

"I don't know if I'll live to see anything built there," the 77-year-old Little League veteran once told me, following the unveiling of the city's latest plan for the site, a vision that would put 500-600 units of mixed-income housing in several mid-sized towers, a public waterfront esplanade and a community facility on the lot, which would undergo an extensive two-year cleanup before anything was built.

Some call the wait a rain delay, others call it bureaucratic bumbling. But this week, the seventh inning stretch ended when five developers went public with bids for the land, responses to a request for proposals issued by the Department of Housing, Preservation and Development, and a decision is expected this month.

The move forward has put Verderame back in his activist jersey with a demand that the city clean the land before a decision is made on how it is used.

"We've made plans before that couldn't be done because the land wasn't suitable," said Verderame. "How are they so sure before the cleanup is done that it will be safe for families to live there? They are putting the cart before the horse."

Other community leaders disagree with Verderame. The cleanup will happen thoroughly, regardless of plans for subsequent development, according to Bob Zuckerman of the Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation.

"Cleanup is the first priority," he said. But Verderame's team includes a group called Friends and Residents of the Greater Gowanus, or FRGGG. The environmentalist group opposes the residential redevelopment of the site because of the risks — real and perceived — associated with living atop contaminated land. And they are prepared to raise a stink over it worthy of the sulfur-smelling Gowanus.

"We are still talking about land and water that are severely contaminated," said FRGGG member Linda Mariani. "I call the city's development plan resting reality and we are prepared to fight it."

Stay tuned. Ariella Cohen is a freelance writer.

### THE KITCHEN SINK

On Sunday, the Gowanus Canal Conservancy honored the late Tom Chardavoyne, the GCC's former head, and a founder of the Neighborhood Independent Democrats, for his work cleaning up the canal. The GCC also tipped its hat to our pals at the Park Slope Food Co-op for being green in the best possible sense of the word. ... A proposal by L&M Equity to build more than 150 units of housing in the **Carroll Gardens Waterfront District** got a partial endorsement this week from Councilman Bill DeBlasio (D-Cobble Hill), who is "pleased" that 27 percent of the units would be below-market-rate housing. Opponents have said that 27 percent isn't enough. ... On Monday, the **Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association** will host its town hall meeting on landmark designations in **P5 58** at the corner of Carroll and Smith streets at 6:30 p.m. This should be a ham-burner! Email us at [Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com](mailto:Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com).



Frank Verderame at F-train plaza at Smith Street and Second Place with his legal documents and maps. He claims that the maps show that the owner of the adjacent lot does not own the subway plaza and, therefore, should not be allowed to build over it.

## F-train courtyard legal twist

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

It's no wonder that a controversial developer now says he won't build atop the popular courtyard at the Carroll Street entrance to the F train — he doesn't own the land, according to a muckraking former assemblyman.

Frank Verderame, the former lawmaker, says the courtyard on Second Place and Smith Street is divided into several parcels, and the city and Metropolitan Transportation Authority have jurisdiction over most of the plaza.

The developer, Bill Stein, does own a piece of it, Verderame conceded. The plaza is a favorite meeting place for many in the neighborhood, as well as a location to lazily watch the F and G trains climb the elevated tracks. Lately, it has also provided a place for opponents of Stein's project to hang anti-project posters.

Stein plans to build a seven-story apartment building at 360 Smith St., on a parking lot just west of the subway plaza. Initially, he apparently intended to build right over the open, public space.

But as reported in The Brooklyn Paper in September, Stein bowed to public pressure and promised to maintain the plaza. Few in the neighborhood trusted Stein or his architect Robert Scarno, who has been disciplined in the past by the city for exceeding height restrictions and other zoning code violations.

Instead of protesting publicly, Verderame, armed with a cache of deeds, historical maps and legal rulings, some of which date back to 1846, framed a legal argument to keep Stein from encroaching upon an inch

of the courtyard that is not his. Stein did not return calls for comment.

One of the keys to Verderame's argument is a city Law Department ruling from 1999 that the MTA had responsibility for maintenance of the courtyard as the city's tenant at the site. Verderame was involved in that case too. His complaints about the deteriorating state of the courtyard spurred then-Borough President Howard Golden to get a ruling from the city about who was responsible for the upkeep.

Now he's found a receptive ear in Councilman Bill DeBlasio (D-Carroll Gardens), who was critical of Scarno's original, modern, metallic design for the building. DeBlasio has asked the city's lawyers to review the 1999 decision, and he expects an answer in a few weeks.

"Frank's letter and the work done by all of the Carroll Gardens activists has been vital in determining the ownership of the courtyard," said DeBlasio.

## Land grab at old union hall



This old Longshoreman's union clinic at the corner of Court and Union streets has been sold to the Claret Group, which could build a 21-story building under current zoning.

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

Workers have begun making preparations for the demolition of the old International Longshoremen's Association union clinic on Court Street — and a coalition of residents and elected officials is hoping to stop the owners of the site from building a 21-story tower.

The Claret Group — famous for its 30-story, Flatiron-style Forte Condo tower near the Brooklyn Academy of Music — bought the former clinic from Long Island College Hospital this summer.

For months, the building and its large, concrete courtyard were quiet. But when workers started doing the pre-demolition work this month, neighbors started waving red flags.

"What we're all concerned

about is that things are going on without any information," said Debra Pearlman, who lives on nearby Sackett Street.

Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D-Carroll Gardens) said she would oppose a sleek tower like the Forte on that quaint part of Court Street.

"I have had some productive conversations with the Claret Group with regards to the height and design of the building," said Millman.

"Until we see actual plans, I remain deeply concerned about the height and density of any proposed building on that site," she added.

Claret did not return calls seeking comment.

After serving as the Longshoremen's clinic, the building housed the schools of nursing and radiological technology for Long Island College Hospital.

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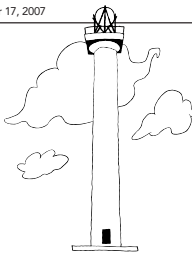
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### This 'Admiral' is demoted

This may be your last chance to save the Admirals Row. On Dec. 11, the National Guard, which still controls the 10 150-year-old mansions in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, will hold its first public hearing about the fate of the buildings, the embodiment of faded grandeur if ever there were one.

And supposedly, the public will have a say: Should we preserve history — or should we demolish it and build a grocery store, the city's favored option right now? If all goes according to plan, the Navy Yard will raze Brooklyn history so that contemporary Brooklynites can have yet one more place to buy tomatoes.

#### GREENE ACRES



Dana Rubinstein

Last week, during a press conference announcing the creation of a \$15-million historic center in an old structure called "Building 92," Navy Yard CEO Andrew Kimball confirmed preservationists' fears: while the historic Commandant's House will be restored, Admirals' Row will be demolished.

"Those buildings essentially would have to be rebuilt from the ground up," he said.

Kimball later elaborated in a statement that destroying the Row will "not only create additional jobs, but will provide the community with a desperately needed supermarket with fresh produce. Furthermore, our Employment Center will be relocated there so the community will have direct access to job opportunities at some of the 230 businesses within the Yard."

The Navy Yard's plan is supported by Borough President Markowitz, local Councilmembers, the community boards, and tenant associations.

Perhaps, but there's something sadly shortsighted about what we call progress in this city. We tend to pave over history and move on. And anyone who objects is ridiculed as someone who wants to fight "progress."

Can't stop that, can you?

There is a way, of course. If enough people cared about saving the Admirals' Row, they would have to create such an uproar at the public hearing that the administration could decide that it's impolitic to move ahead with the plan.

The upcoming hearing is one of the mandatory steps the National Guard must take to turn the land over to the city, so the administration can fulfill its mission of bulldozing the buildings.

"I believe if they have a process and open it to people interested in using the buildings, some if not all of the mansions could be restored," said Simeon Bankoff, executive director of the Historic Districts Council. "There's a lot of interest in the community."

And preservationists insist these mansions are worth saving. "These buildings go back to before the Civil War," said Roger Lang, whose house is located just across the street from the Navy Yard. "There are not a lot of buildings like that around. ... If you look past the dilapidation and imagine them with their porches restored and their masonry pointed and cleaned, they are great examples of Federal architecture."

For much of its existence, the Navy Yard was considered the most important ship-building site in the nation. But in 1966, the federal government closed it. The city purchased most of the Yard, but not the Row, the following year. Admirals Row ended up in the hands of the National Guard.

The mansions were occupied up through the 1970s, when they were abandoned. They haven't been maintained since.

Despite their subsequent erosion, the mansions are "some of the best examples of second empire Italianate architecture that we had in Brooklyn and possibly in New York City," Bankoff said.

Sounds like something worth saving to me. And, something that is surely salvageable.

"Buildings have to be pretty far gone to be beyond saving," said Lang. "But that's not an economic calculation, that's an emotional and physical one."

Admirals Row public hearing, PS 307 (209 York St., at Gold Street in DUMBO), Dec. 11, 7 pm. Call (718) 907-5900 for info.

Dana Rubinstein is a staff writer for The Brooklyn Paper.



Arthur Wood's former home, the Broken Angel on Downing Street, once featured a hand-made (and not-up-to-code)erie up top (above). But now the building is a shadow of its former self (right).



### Now, it's really 'Broken' Angel

By Dana Rubinstein  
The Brooklyn Paper

The Broken Angel may be topless, but don't call her fallen.

Shan Andersen, the developer and co-owner of the one-time ziggurat, which artist Arthur Wood and his wife Cynthia built by hand over decades, insists that building will

soar again, despite its current run-of-the-mill appearance. "The building has to be made whole again, as far as having the crazy stuff back on top," said a weary sounding Andersen on Wednesday. He has reason to be tired.

Since last October, when the local icon caught fire, earning it the scrutiny of the Buildings Department, the fate of the not-to-

code top part has remained up in the air. Andersen finished taking down the wood-and-glass upper half of the building months ago, sparking speculation that this angel was dead. But Andersen said he's looking for loopholes in the building code that will allow him to rebuild the top.

"We found some things in the code that ... satisfy our needs," said Andersen.

### Slowing down Carlton drivers

By Geraldine Rebolledo  
The Brooklyn Paper

After months of dilly-dallying, the city has finally embarked on the final phase of its plan to reduce the speed of cars on Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene.

This week, the city began building a median down the middle, residents complained that the street just got more dangerous.

"We still get the speeders, particularly in the rush hours," said Robert Poles, who lives midway down the avenue, at the time. "We see no slowing down of traffic."



The concrete median should finally fix the problem, now that drivers won't be able to make dangerous, mid-block U-turns, or swerve around double-parked cars with such frightening ease. Even so, this being Brooklyn, some locals are still complaining. The beef this time? Fewer parking spots.

"Parking is going to be a pain," said nearby resident David Brooks.

Alicia Griffith, who on Tuesday had just pulled into the last available parking spot on the block, agreed.

"Now, I have to fight for a parking spot under the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, which is dirty," said Griffith.

But not everyone was a naysayer.

"It looks good to me," said Betty McQuillar. "It will stop the kids from U-turning [in the middle of the street], which will prevent accidents."

"Change is good," she added.



### Playing for a cause

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# 'Holy' man cons a D'town gal

By Harry Cheadle  
for The Brooklyn Paper

## 84th Precinct

Two con artists managed to cheat a woman out of \$6,000 on Oct. 29, thanks to a complex ruse and the victim's own good intentions.

It began when the 31-year-old woman was approached on the corner of Jay and Tillary streets around 3:30 pm by an older man with wrinkled skin who claimed not to be from America. He was trying to find somewhere he could spend the night, he said, and the unsuspecting woman tried to help him figure out where he was going.

At that moment, a second man approached them and said he knew a place where the "foreigner" could spend the night. The woman agreed to drive them to the corner of Atlantic and Fourth avenues, and they got into her car.

On the way, the older man managed to convince her that he was some kind of holy man, and he offered to bless her money as repayment for her favor. She consented, and handed him \$6,000, which he put in a black handkerchief before formally "blessing" it.

He handed her the bundle when the men arrived at their destination, and she soon discovered that her money had been replaced with newspaper.

## Withdrawn

It wasn't his money, but that didn't stop a perp from withdrawing over \$7,000 from a Montague Street bank on Nov. 6. The crook walked into the nationally known bank, located near Clinton Street, around 11 am and proceeded to use his handgun as an ATM card. He pulled the weapon from his pocket, pointed it at the teller, gave him an envelope and said,

"I want you to take care of this. Only fifties and hundreds."

The terrified banking employee complied, stuffing the wallet with \$7,011 — apparently showing a few ones in there along with the requested big bills — and handing the money over to the perp, who ran out of the bank, untroubled.

## Bad medicine

A medical company had over \$1,500 of equipment stolen from a company-owned car during the night of Oct. 27.

An employee parked the Chevrolet Impala on Joralemon Street near Henry Street around 6:30 pm, and by 10:30 the next morning, a thief had smashed the window and taken thermometers, syringes, needles, a feeding pump, and also the employee's keys.

## Burglary bungle

A man tried, but failed, to break into a Henry Street house on Nov. 5, thanks to an alert neighbor who called the cops.

The 46-year-old perp was none too subtle in his methods, as he simply broke the front door of the home, near Hunts Lane, with a steel pipe at 4 pm. A neighbor noticed and dialed 911.

When the cops arrived, the man was in the process of gathering up loot to steal. After they successfully detained him, they discovered a crack pipe hidden in his shoe. Both pipes — the weapon and the drug paraphernalia — were taken as evidence.

## Jewels jacked

When buying jewelry, purchasers tend to take their time and choose exactly the right item. When stealing jewelry, the crook's time is short.

A gang of six men that robbed a Fulton Street jeweler on Nov. 5 certainly wasn't choosy or nuanced in their methods, as they jumped the counter and grabbed

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nearly \$7,000 in jewels from a display case.

The men entered the store, near Hanover Place, at around 1 pm. They didn't waste time distracting the employees, opting to simply run over to the case, snatch as much as the could, and sprint out of the store as quickly as possible. It happened so fast that no one got a good look at any of the perps.

## Wallet back

A trio of unusually courteous muggers gave a man his wallet back — sans cash — after he asked nicely on Nov. 4.

The victim was walking along Dean Street near Smith Street at 2 am when three men approached him. One of them indicated he had a gun in his pocket, and the other two ran through the 28-year-old's pockets, taking his wallet, his iPod, and his Motorola cellphone.

The perps ran off, but the man had a request and followed them. He told them he really needed his wallet, and after the thieves saw there was no money in it, they gave it back. They did keep electronics, however.

## Delivery mess

A food deliveryman had the worst day of his professional life on Nov. 1, when his van was stolen with two cellphones and a \$700 in cash inside.

The 38-year-old left the doors unlocked and the keys inside when he parked his company's 2000 Dodge van at the corner of Court and Pacific streets at noon.

He was gone for just a minute, but that was long enough for an enterprising perp to jump into the vehicle and drive off.

A gang of clever crooks went so low as to rob a man in a wheelchair on Oct. 18, and got away with \$2,700 of very ill-gotten gain.

The 49-year-old victim had

but he ended up grabbing the phone right back.

The youngster was walking down Pacific Street at around 4 pm and was close to Nevins Street when a 5-foot-7 man wearing a dark jacket approached him. The perp showed off a gun, asked for the cellphone, and snatched it from the young victim's hands.

The 13-year-old, apparently unafraid of the gun, ran after the perp, grabbed his phone from the man and ran back to his house, where he called the police on his recovered cellphone.

## 88th Precinct

### Low-cal crime

A Fulton Street outlet of a national sandwich chain renounced for its "6 grams of fat or less" sandwiches was robbed at gunpoint by two men who weren't exactly looking to eat healthy on Nov. 8.

The dastardly duo entered the restaurant, which is near Clinton Avenue, around 4 pm and didn't waste any time. One of them pulled a gun on the lone employee behind the counter and shouted, "Where's the safe?" while the other one, who also had a gun, stood look out at the door.

The first perp vaulted the counter — leaving a shoe print on the glass — and ordered the employee to take a bag of cash while he helped himself to \$200 from the register.

They ran away down Fulton Street without any attempt on the safe, cops said.

### Tool time

A Fulton Street hardware store owner defended his livelihood on Nov. 7, as he brawled with a would-be shoplifter before cops showed up to arrest the man.

The suspicious-looking customer entered the store, near Waverly Avenue, around noon. The small businessman observed the perp putting a drill in his hand and approached him. When the man picked up a piece of

wood — perhaps to use as a weapon — the shopkeeper decided violence was the answer and hit the man over the head with a two-by-four.

This only made the man angry, however, and he pushed the wood-wielding owner out of the window and into the street. The perp had his opponent on the ground when the cops fortunately showed up and took the assailant into custody.

### Generation ex

A 53-year-old man was attacked by a gang of teens one-third his age on Nov. 9, but he got the last laugh when the police arrested the youthful offenders.

The man was minding his own business on the corner of Vanderbilt Street and Willoughby Avenue at around 8 pm when five teens came up to him and without warning, pushed him to the ground and hit him while he was down, injuring his arm and leg. The violent hoodlums didn't appear to want his money, as they ran off without taking anything.

The almost-AARP victim called the police, who searched the area and arrested the youths, who were all 15 to 18 years old.

### Torn tensity

A criminal couple attacked a teen on Nov. 8, but all they had to show for it is half of a \$20 bill.

The 16-year-old boy was walking on Park Avenue around 4:30 pm when the perps, a man and a woman, began walking behind him. They approached him when he got to Cumberland Street, and the man asked the teen, "What you got?"

The pair proceeded to attack him, and although the victim told cops he was "beat up," he managed to hold on to his possessions — they got a hold of a \$20 bill, but only succeeded in ripping it in half.

They fled down Park Avenue without taking anything else.

### Ganged up

A 17-year-old lost an unfair fight when a gang of six guys knocked him down and took his cellphone on Nov. 7.

The victim was walking down Greene Avenue around 3 pm and was near Cambridge Place when he noticed that six suspicious characters were tailing him. One of them hit him in the back of the head, knocking him down, and they held him while relieving him of his \$300 Verizon phone. The roughed-up youth told cops that he recognized one of them, possibly from school.

### Wine raid

A Lafayette Avenue Mediterranean restaurant's wine collection was drastically reduced early in the morning of Nov. 6, as some grape-loving thieves made off with 100 bottles.

The last employee left the entry, near Adelphi Street, at around 1 am. By 8 the next morning, the opening crew discovered that the side gate had been broken and some busy burglars had transported \$1,720 worth of wine to parts unknown. Also missing was an iPod and a Panasonic receiver.

### Kid mugged

A 15-year-old walking home from school was robbed on Nov. 8 by two men who didn't want to pick on anyone their own size.

The boy was walking on Navy Walk near Myrtle Avenue around 3:30 pm when two men — one 6-foot-4, one 5-foot-5 — came up from behind him. The bigger one put the kid in a headlock while his shorter sidekick wrenched the iPod Shuffle out of their victim's hands.

They ran away and the boy's father reported the crime when he came home. The victim said he had seen the pair in the area before.

### Car break-ins

At least three cars were broken into and another was stolen in Fort Greene last week, as thieves made off with taxicabs, textbooks and credit cards.

The first incident occurred the night of Nov. 4. A 32-year-old parked his 2001 Dodge Cherokee on Vanderbilt Avenue near Greene Avenue around 8:30 pm. He came back at 10:30 the next morning to find that his rear window was broken and the five Calvin Klein taxicabs he had in the car — one for every weekday — had vanished. The designer tunes were worth a total of \$3,125, cops said.

The next incidents occurred within hours of each other on

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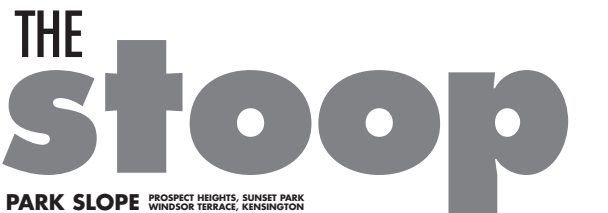
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## POLICE BLOTTER

### First iPhone is stolen in Park Slope!

By Gersh Kuntzman  
The Brooklyn Paper

It was bound to happen, but police records indicate that a Union Street resident has the distinction of being the first victim of an iPhone robbery in Park Slope.

The 31-year-old told cops that she was walking home from the subway on Nov. 5 at around 7 pm when she was approached by two perps, one of whom slipped his hand into her jacket and removed the fancy phone.

She didn't get a good look at either thief.

The crime is the first recorded theft of an iPhone in the 78th Precinct, according to police records.

#### Bus bumping

Two women had their wallets stolen on Nov. 5 in the oldest trick in the transit playbook: the bump and rob.

In the first case, a 54-year-old woman riding on the B63 at around noon told cops that her wallet was picked out of her bag. She lost \$67 and the wallet, but canceled the credit cards.

Six hours later, a 60-year-old woman felt a bump against her while she was riding the B41 bus. When she got off the bus, she realized her wallet — and the \$300, credit cards and bank check for \$500 — was gone.

Later, she discovered that a thief had made a \$1 purchase on her credit card.

#### Car stuff

At least one car was stolen and another broken into on Park Slope streets this week.

The theft occurred on Nov. 8 at around 11:30 am, after a 41-year-old man parked his 1994 Honda Civic — a popular model among thieves, believe it or not — on 10th Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

When he returned the next afternoon, the car was gone. Police asked the neighbors, and one told cops that she had seen four men casing the vehicle with flashlights.

The break-in took place on Nov. 4, sometime after 5 pm. The owner of the 2004 Chevy Suburban had parked it at the corner of Prospect Park West and President Street, but returned to it the next morning to find the rear driver's-side window smashed. Missing was a credit card and a digital camera.

#### Cab mayhem

Two men were arrested — a cabbie and the man who tried to rob him — in a crime gone wrong on Nov. 11.

At around 11 am, a man leaped into a 41-year-old ivory driver's cab on Fourth Avenue between Douglass and Degraw streets and started screaming. "Give me the money! Give me the money!"

A struggle ensued, but the driver was able to get out of the car and grab a metal rod from his trunk, cops said.

He used the metal rod to strike the would-be thief repeatedly across the head.

Both men were arrested: the driver for assault and the thief for attempted robbery, cops said.

#### Flatbush farmed

A thief stole a laptop from a Flatbush Avenue apartment in broad daylight on Nov. 9.

Cops say the man entered the apartment, which is at Prospect Place, at around 9 am by sneaking through an open rear window.

He grabbed the highly portable computer and got the heck out of there.

Police said William Rosario, 26, succumbed to a single stab wound in the chest in the 10 pm incident between Fifth and Sixth avenues. He was taken to New York Methodist Hospital, but was dead on arrival.

It's unclear what sparked the dispute. Police said they arrested the suspect, who also needed treatment for "minor injuries he received during the dispute."

The arrested man, 29, was charged with manslaughter and criminal possession of a weapon — the knife, which was recovered at the scene.

— Kuntzman

#### Subway punch

A man who was doing nothing more than playing a video game on his cellphone as he rode home on the 2 train was suddenly attacked by two men on Nov. 8.

The 32-year-old Lincoln Place man said he'd entered the subway system at Wall Street in Manhattan at around 4:45 pm. Without warning, he said, one of the men punched him hard across the chin and sent him flying to the dirty floor of the subway.

The perp tried to steal the wallet while the accomplice served as a lookout. After a brief struggle, the victim gave up the wallet, which contained \$50 and a library card.

Cops say they are looking for two black men, one 5-foot-11, 190 pounds, and the other 6-foot-1, 150 pounds.

#### School daze

Two desktop computers were stolen from a public school on Park Place on Oct. 29, cops said.

The iMac computers were in a locked room — and the padlock was not damaged in the crime, an indication that it may have been an inside job.

Officials at the school, which is between Fifth and Sixth avenues, told cops that "multiple" employees have access to the room where the computers were kept.

## Correction

An article last week, "Robbery's closing forever" (Nov. 10) implied that **Royal Video**, a rental store that is also on Flatbush Avenue, was closing. The current location of the store is indeed closing, but Royal Video is moving to a new location two blocks away at 317 Flatbush Ave., between Seventh Avenue and Prospect Place.

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## A man is stabbed to death

The Brooklyn Paper

An East New York man was stabbed and killed on 12th Street on Monday night after an argument with another man, who was later arrested for the crime, cops said.

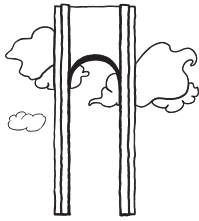
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# THE STOOP

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## Legislation is for the birds

**B**ay Ridge's pigeon man can be found most summer days on the corner of 79th and Third Avenue selling used books off a fold up table. When the guy spots a family walking by, he calmly extends his hand up in the air and moments later a pigeon swoops down and sits on it.

Of course, the guy isn't the reincarnation of St. Francis, he just hides some breadcrumbs in his hand or something, but while the act may be a little tacky, it should n't cost him a \$1,000, which could become a reality if one local pot gets his way.

This anti-pigeon measure is the brainchild of Councilman Sincha Felder (D-Bensonhurst), who on Monday unveiled an ambitious plan to outlaw the feeding of pigeons. His goal, he says, is to cut down on that feared social menace: pigeon droppings.

"The people of New York are sick and tired of dodging pigeons and their droppings as they walk around the city," Felder said. "The government needs to take responsibility for this issue and end the free reign of pigeons in our city."

Felder is well known to readers of The Brooklyn Paper. This is the Orthodox Jewish man who hid in a City Council men's room rather than vote for openly gay Councilwoman Christine Quinn for speaker (even though he supported her). And this is the same member of that esteemed body that started crusading against flyers and handbills after his mother got a letter summons for an errand circular.

This time, at least, Felder has identified one of the true horrors of city living. Everyone has had that moment, usually during a nice summer day, when something hits the top of your head and after reaching in your hair with hopes that what you felt was an acorn or anything but the pigeon guano now in your hair and hand.

Inconvenient, yes, but is this really the reason we elect our public servants into office?

Yellow Hooker may not be a scientist, but on face value, the concept of trying to stop pigeons from pooping on us comes across as slightly insane. Pigeons don't survive in the city because we feed them. They survive here because there is garbage all over our streets that they eat. We already have laws against garbage and everyone just ignores those.

I mean, no one can seriously believe that this city needs more bureaucracy in the form of a pigeon czar (that's right, a pigeon czar) any more than we need more reasons for law enforcement to ticket residents, or more reasons for neighbors to call 311 to report 9-year old girls throwing bread crumbs on her stoop.

What's next? Are we going to sponsor legislation to outlaw rainy days or cursing cab drivers?

St. Francis, the 13th-century friar who was known for preaching to birds, wouldn't have lasted two hours in this environment. There are prices of city living that we all must deal with and the occasional pigeon poop in the hair is one of them. Local pols who are oblivious to the limits of their own powers are another.

Matthew Lysiak is a freelance writer who lives in Bay Ridge.

**THE KITCHEN SINK**

Credit where due: Blogger "Left in Bay Ridge" told me the news: A Starbucks is opening up at 85th Street and Third Avenue, raising the community total to four. ... Last week, Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) joined former patients of Bay Imaging to announce the release of thousands of medical records held hostage by the radiological facility during an 18-month fight. ... Those who need access to their records are encouraged to call Gentile's office at (718) 748-5200. ... Watch out Gentile: Speculation is heating up that state Sen. Marty Golden's aide, John Quaglione, is eyeing a run for City Council. Gentile is not term-limited until 2013. ... You, too, can sue the Metropolitan Transportation Authority! In an effort to give a voice to commuters, Rep. Vito Fossella (R-Bay Ridge) is urging residents to e-mail complaints about driving since the start of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge construction, which Fossella will submit to a judge as part of his lawsuit against the MTA. E-mail testimonials to FixTheVZB@gmail.com. ... CNBC's Lawrence Kudlow was the guest of honor at the Brooklyn Conservative Party's Nov. 1 dinner at Rex Manor on 60th Street and 11th Avenue. In addition, Sgt. Nick Badolato received the Jim Ryan Award for Longtime Service to the conservative cause. The party's county chairman Jerry Kassner was also on hand, along with state Sen. Marty Golden and New York State Conservative Party Chairman Michael R. Long. And it's not exactly lions lying down with lambs, but Kings County Republican Party Chairman Craig Eaton was also there.

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### YELLOW HOOKER



Matthew Lysiak

## Cross for Victory Memorial

By Loren Bonner

Victory Memorial Hospital appears to be on its deathbed: The 107-year-old Bay Ridge institution announced sweeping layoffs last week and could be shuttered by Feb. 1.

The hospital, in the throes of bankruptcy for a year, revealed on Nov. 10 that approximately 900 workers would be without jobs on Jan. 1. Plans call for the rest of the medical staff to be phased out through the first month of the new year.

Hopes for a takeover by SUNY Downstate Medical Center were dashed on Monday, bringing Victory Memorial's demise a step closer.

"They're going to have blood on their hands," said Dr. Simon Saada, director of Surgery and Urology at the hospital since 1989.

Supporters said 300,000 people in Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bensonhurst — many of them senior citizens and immigrants — would be left without proper medical care if Victory closes.

"I'm going to predict a healthcare crisis come February," said Bill Guarnitelli, the acting chair of the not-for-profit hospital's board of trustees.

The Dominican layoff moves come in response to the demands of creditors, said Claudia Hutton, a spokeswoman for the state Health Department.

The 92nd Street medical center was among those recommended for closure by the Berger Commission, a state panel charged with helping reduce the number of empty hospital beds to save taxpayer money.

Victory Memorial owes creditors \$90 million, said Assemblyman Peter Abbate (D-Dyker Heights), who is among those battling to save the hospital.

"Health care is going up and they're looking at the bottom



You know it's an important issue when these three guys stand together. On Monday, Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) and Rep. Vito Fossella (R-Bay Ridge) joined a rally to save Victory Memorial Hospital.

line — not lives," said Abbate.

Area residents will now have to choose between two already understaffed and overburdened hospitals: Lutheran Medical Center in Sunset Park and Montefiore Medical Center in Borough Park.

But Victory Memorial supporters — including state Sen.

Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge), Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) and Rep. Vito Fossella (R-Bay Ridge) — vowed to fight until the closing rally on Monday at the hospital.

"I will not leave until they put the bolt on the door," added Saada.

## Bay Ridge ferry gains steam

By Joe Jordan

for The Brooklyn Paper

The prospects for a ferry from the 69th Street pier to the Financial District are in a holding pattern, but it was full-speed-ahead on Tuesday as proponents of the service invited passengers on board for a successful dry-run.

Organized by local activists Heather McCown, Adam Wesserman, and Peter Killen, the 20-minute ride from Bay Ridge to Lower Manhattan went off without a hitch.

Well, sort of.

Since there is currently no landing for boats at the 69th Street pier, the ferry actually left from Sunset Park's 58th Street pier and first headed south so that it could appropriately simulate the ride from 69th Street.

Twenty minutes later, at a



Sunset Ridge Waterfront Alliance Directors (from left) Andrew Wasserman, Heather McCown, and Peter Killen sponsored a ferry ride from the 69th Street pier on Tuesday to showcase an efficient service.

speed of 22-knots, the ferry docked at Pier 11 in Lower Manhattan.

"Now this is a civilized way to travel," said Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), who has been pushing the Bloomberg administration to spend a \$500,000 allocation for a 69th Street ferry landing that was put into the Department of Transportation budget in 2004

by Gentile and Councilman David Yassky (D-Brooklyn Heights).

Since then, McCown has been collecting petition signatures close to 2,000 and counting! — to tell the mayor that support for a Bay Ridge ferry is strong.

"Now, with congestion pricing, pollution pricing, talk of a fare hike ... we're dealing with

the fact that we'll have even more people on an already packed subways and buses," said McCown.

Gentile is hopeful that the mayor will change his position — a position the councilman called "unconscionable!" — now that he has an innovative transportation commissioner, Janette Sadik-Khan.

"[She] is more of a visionary than I've seen in the past and I think she's supportive of ferry service," Gentile said.

A DOT spokesperson has said the agency will release its study on the viability of the ferry "by the end of 2007."

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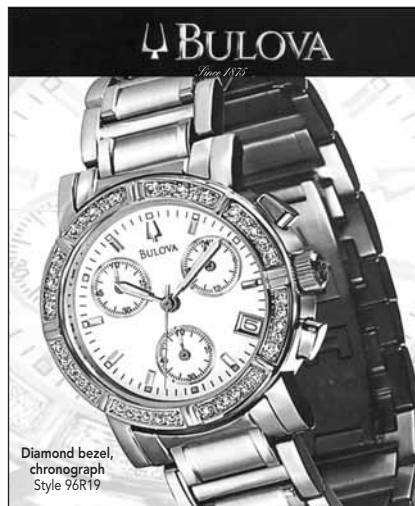
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## Umbrella's rise up: 'Buy in Brooklyn'

By Gersh Kuntzman  
The Brooklyn Paper

This could be the start of something big — or hundreds of stolen umbrellas.

More than 30 local business owners cheered the launch of the Park Slope Civic Council's "Buy in Brooklyn" initiative at the Community Bookstore on Tuesday night, an effort that includes the usual slogans, logos and pamphlets — plus the distribution of 400 yellow umbrellas that storeowners can give their customers on rainy days.

The customers are then supposed to return the "Buy in Brooklyn" logo-embellished bumbos to a participating store once the weather clears up.

Good luck with that.

"The umbrellas are just a gimmick to get attention to the 'Buy in Brooklyn' campaign," said Civic Council President Ken Freeman. "But the larger goal is to get people to make just a few more of their purchases in the local area."

Freeman estimated that every dollar spent in Park Slope is spent two more times in the neighborhood.

It was fitting that the kick-off event was at Community Bookstore, which appeared to be on its last page six months before it was adopted by its customers.



Melinda Morris shows off one of the new umbrellas that will be at the ready at Park Slope stores.

"My store is the living embodiment of how we can all look out for each other," said owner Catherine Bohne. "I asked for help and now the store is doing amazingly well. But we can do more. The best way to ensure the health of my store is to ensure the health of all the surrounding stores."

The first event of the "Buy in Brooklyn" campaign will be an extended hours shopping night on Dec. 13. Local merchants are being asked to stay open late and offer "a fun winter

treat" like eggnog, Bohne said.

Councilman David Yassky (D-Park Slope) said he wasn't surprised that so many communities are talking about ways to save their so-called "Mom and Pop" stores. Council hearings on such topics, he said, are always packed.

"People realize that for a neighborhood to be a neighborhood, we have to protect the local merchants," he said.

And those umbrellas? As the businessowners left the kick-off on Tuesday night, they were given the umbrellas and an instruction sheet that reminded them that the whole thing was about.

"The point is ... reinforcing the idea that local merchants look after the neighborhood," the sheet said. "Everyone is betting that people can't share. They're betting that people will grab an umbrella and keep it to themselves — but Park Slope is better than that!"

And if the neighborhood isn't better than petty larceny, the Civic Council is savvy enough to consider the bottom line: "What's someone going to do by hanging onto an umbrella and using it?" the instructions asked.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### A 'Good Samaritan' steals 13G

By Matthew Lysiak and Michael Giardina  
The Brooklyn Paper

#### 68th Precinct

A woman with a flat tire was robbed by a man posing as a Good Samaritan on Nov. 7.

The 24-year-old victim told cops the trouble began at 11:40 am when she was pulling out of a Bay Ridge Avenue parking lot, which is near Fifth Avenue, and realized her tire was flat.

When the woman got out of her car to get a better look, a man approached offering to help — but moments later, he abruptly walked away.

The confused victim got back in her car when she noticed her pocketbook, which contained \$12,700, was missing from her back seat.

#### Sweatshirt bully on Shore Road

That must be one real nice shirt!

At least it was to one boy who took a beating defending an article of clothing from a playground bully on Nov. 8.

The 16-year-old victim told cops that he made his brave stand while hanging out on Shore Road near 83rd Street.

At around 3 pm, two teens walked up to him and demanded his sweatshirt. But when the victim refused, they chased him down then punched, kicked, and hit him in the head with a bottle — causing the boy to drop the beloved sweatshirt and flee.

The victim, who was not seriously injured, quickly called cops who arrived moments later and recovered the two things, ages 14 and 17, a few blocks away.

The bloodied victim reversed his shirt.

#### Eighth Avenue apartment rob

A woman returned to her Eighth Avenue apartment to find a back window open and her cash stolen on Nov. 7.

The 40-year-old returned to the unit, which is near 62nd Street, at around 3 pm and discovered that thieves had swiped \$2,500 from her dresser, police said.

A neighbor told cops he saw a man with long black hair and a green shirt running down the fire escape.

#### Bike theft saddens tween

An 11-year-old boy says two perps came up from behind him and swiped his bike on Nov. 7.

The boy told cops he was walking his bike at 7:40 pm on Colonial Road near 66th Street when he felt a tap on his shoulder, only to turn around to discover two bullies staring him down. The boy promptly dropped his BMX bike, which is valued at \$300, and ran away.

#### Road rage over parking space

An argument over a parking space led to gun violence on Nov. 7.

The 40-year-old woman told cops she was parking her car at around 1:30 on Fifth Avenue near 84th Street when she got into an argument with another woman who felt the space belonged to her.

The argument escalated when a man stepped out of the perp's car holding a gun and then struck the victim in the head with the handle before getting back in the road rager's car and driving away.

The woman was not seriously injured, but did report a bump in the head.

#### 62nd Precinct

#### Yet another gym swipe

That most regular of Police Blotter crimes — the gym swipe — is back after a one-month hiatus. This time, a woman had her purse stolen from an 86th Street gym on Nov. 10.

The 38-year-old left her leather purse in the locker room of the gym, which is near 19th Avenue, at around 11:30 am to work out. When she returned an hour later, sweaty and tired, she discovered that her purse was gone — and with it, her credit and debit cards, police said.

#### The ol' B82 bump

For the second consecutive week, a passenger had her wallet stolen thanks to the old "bump and rob" while she stood on the crowded Kings Highway bus on Nov. 8.

The 38-year-old was on the B82 bus at around 7:15 pm when another strap-hanger bumped into her and lifted her goods. A half hour later, when the victim got off the bus at West 12th Street, she realized her wallet was gone.

The thief had swiped her cash, credit and debit cards, police said.

#### Two for two

Two residents of an 18th Avenue building had their apartments broken into and their property robbed on Nov. 8.

The first victim returned to her apartment, which is near Coney Avenue, at around 10 am. The 24-year-old discovered a ransacked flat — and eventually found that \$7,000 and jewelry had been stolen, police said.

The second victim returned at around the same time to also find a looted bedroom. In that case, \$5,000 was stolen, police said.

The thief entered the building through a rear basement door, and fled through the same door.

#### Morning break-in on West Sixth

A West Sixth Street home was broken into and a thief made off with lots of jewelry and cash on Nov. 8.

The 27-year-old left her home, which is near Avenue P, at around 7:30 am to go to work. When she returned later that night, she found that her home had been burglarized of \$20,000 and jewelry, police said.

Unfortunately, no neighbors saw or heard the break-in.

#### Bath Ave rob

A woman had her purse stolen by three perps while she was walking on Bath Avenue on Nov. 8.

The 31-year-old was near 21st Avenue at around 1:25 pm when she was approached by the gang of thieves. The first perp shoved her, the second swiped her purse, and the third served as a look out, police said.

The thieves ran off with the purse, which had her credit and debit cards, and got into a black four-door sedan, that sped off in an unknown direction.

#### Bike-riding thief on road again

A man was beaten, slashed and robbed by two thugs while he was on Avenue T on Nov. 6.

The 28-year-old was biking near West Sixth Street at around 2:40 am when the duo ran up and pushed him off the mountain bike. Next, one perp pulled out a boxcutter and slashed his face, while the other took \$60 from his wallet.

The tag team fled with the cash, and the mountain bike in an unknown direction leaving the victim on the ground, police said.

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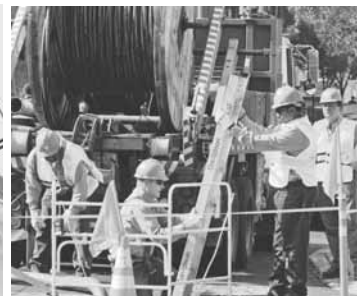




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OUR OPINION

# End Barclays deal now

**B**arclays, the British-based financial behemoth, has been frequently criticized for its institutional role in financing the slave trade three centuries ago, for conducting business in Nazi Germany 60 years ago, and for propping up South Africa's Apartheid regime 30 years ago.

But Barclays' appalling lack of civic consciousness continues to this day — and Brooklyn is being tainted by it — thanks to Atlantic Yards developer Bruce Ratner.

This week, the Sunday Times of London, a well-respected newspaper, reported that Barclays is bunkering the corrupt and repressive regime of Zimbabwean dictator Robert Mugabe, whose self-enriching terror has devastated his country's economy and whose twisted agricultural policies have left his people destitute and starving.

This might remain a matter of international, rather than local, outrage were it not for the large role Barclays will soon play here in Brooklyn, thanks to its \$400-million deal with Ratner to have its tarnished name emblazoned atop the publicly financed basketball arena proposed for the corner of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues.

When The Brooklyn Paper first raised questions about the Barclays deal in January, Ratner's courtiers were quick to discount our criticism of Barclays' practices as "ancient history." They attacked The Paper for linking Barclays to financial dealings that involved many other international banking firms.

But propping up the sinister Mugabe and his murderous henchman is not ancient history — it's happening right now.

And Barclays is profiting from it.

The financial giant paid Ratner handsomely for the naming rights at the arena (the one being built with public money, even though the public won't see a dime of Ratner's naming rights windfall — but we digress).

By dealing with Barclays, Ratner was stabbing in the back his black supporters (many of whom he paid) and trashing whatever legitimate good will he might have had in the black community.

At the time, black community leaders reacted accordingly. Several, including Councilwoman

Letitia James, were able to see the real problem with the way Ratner conducted his business: "Blacks," she said, "were just tools used by Ratner to get this project passed."

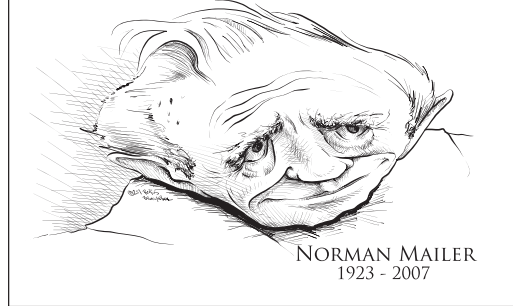
Those who would downplay the significance of having the Barclays name atop a publicly subsidized arena in a borough with a sizable African-American population should put themselves in the shoes of the descendants of the slaves that Barclays family members once traded as property and the people of Zimbabwe, whose economy is in tatters, whose freedom is in chains and whose lives are in danger every day because financial institutions like Barclays choose profits over people.

Back when the Barclays deal was announced, we called on Bruce Ratner to find a corporate partner with greater sensitivity to the Brooklynites who will someday sit in the arena.

Given the new evidence of Barclays' relationship with the evil Mugabe regime, it's no wonder that one of Ratner's former supporters, Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries, is now calling on Brooklynites to say "Enough is enough!"

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# Coney Island's future is in good hands: Bloomy's

To the editor,

Your editorial "Bloomy to the Rescue?" Nov. 10 asks where the mayor's proposal for Coney Island leaves the freak show. We believe that his proposal leaves us in the middle of the entertainment district of Coney Island.

In August, Coney Island USA, parent organization of the freak show, purchased its building on the corner of Surf Avenue and West 12th Street — with funding supplied by the city. As a result of the city's largesse, the Freak Show, Mermaid Parade, Burlesque at the Beach and Coney Island Museum, are safe in perpetuity.

Coney Island USA has also attempted — numerous times — to purchase a building owned by Thor Equities, only to have Thor

derail negotiations late in the process. Our experiences with the city and with Thor lead us to believe that the city has the best interests of Coney Island at heart, while Thor does not.

While the plan that the city proposes is not perfect, we believe that it is a better solution to the many issues that beset Coney Island than the vision promoted by Thor.

We look forward to working with the city to continue to improve its plan. And should Thor decide to work within the bounds of the city's proposal, we look forward to working with it as well.

**David Grate, Coney Island**  
The writer is managing director of Coney Island USA, the non-profit that operates the famed circus sidewalk and the Coney Island Museum.

and gain an appreciation for our flying friends, who grace our lives with so much beauty. The Brooklyn Paper is not known for xenophobia, so why display it with non-human creatures?

**Wayne Johnson, Brooklyn Heights**  
Editor's note: The writer is correct that we should be more welcoming to all immigrants, including the Red-breasted nuthatches — but we stand by our characterization of goldfinches!

## Schumer's cowardice

To the editor,

There's an important fact we must face as the Bush administration slinks toward Bethlehem in an effort to be born again. Our senior Senator, Charles Schumer, was not equal to the question, "Do you support torture?" ("Vigilant," Nov. 10).

That is because he affirmed the nomination of Michael Mukasey as Attorney General. Mukasey is unable to decide what is torture unless the president tells him it is or not. Schumer's support for Mukasey is painful, given the behavior of the last attorney general under Bush. In other words, the senior Senator from New York lacks the moral substance to fight for basic human rights.

If New York is not up to that challenge in this republic, who is?

**Steve Hart, Boerum Hill**

## Gay old time

To the editor,

Your series of articles on the girl who got the city warning letter for using chalk on her sidewalk was plain sad, but your article on the gay/lesbian political club and its problems with Bruce Ratner and Marty Markowitz ("Gays won't shack up with Bruce," Nov. 3) filled me with pity.

You can't help but imagine Markowitz picking it this way to the gay and lesbian group.

"No, no, we're not pandering to you, much less demanding a quid pro quo for your endorsement of Atlantic Yards. No, we have this fantastic offer: We'll offer you a slight price reduction on a piece of, well, crap, that you can turn into a 'gay and lesbian center.'"

"Oh and the city will offer some resources, a little seed money, and give you some tax breaks."

"Oh, and your landlord will be Bruce Ratner. He really, really, wants to help you guys out; he has a lot of empty properties, you know. He's your man! He promised me he'd give you a great deal."

And so he does. But three years later, the lease runs out and needs to be renewed. Damn!

Suddenly, the rent is much higher!

And then, when he needs the land for some new and improved boondoggle project, what do you know, they condemn the center under eminent domain, you know, for the good of the city.

**Mia Moran, Boerum Hill**

## Cry me a canal

To the editor,

Last week's letter by Brad Lander ("Go Go Gowanus," Letters, Nov. 10) argued that his group [a coalition that includes the Pratt Center for Community Development, ACORN, Buddy Scotto, and several labor unions] has "a transparent and open process." The only thing "transparent" about this coalition is that they are self-serving.

When you read about the trade-off, it will be about the sky and land grab, politics, money and greed. Do any of the members of this coalition live in the Gowanus area? This coalition does not represent the Gowanus community by holding meetings behind closed doors. They have not held any open-community meetings where the true voices of the Gowanus community could be heard.

Has this coalition read the recent Army Corps report on their Web site (read it at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/harbor/gowanus/reports.htm>).

The Gowanus Canal is an aquatic brownfield. The land on the east and west banks of the canal are brownfields. To use these lands for housing or environmental restoration was not put forth by the Army Corps in its environmental study.

Open space trumps irresponsible development!  
**Linda Mariano, Gowanus**  
The writer is a member of FROG (Friends and Residents of the Greater Gowanus)

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## For the birds

To the editor,

Why did you take such a hostile tone about the beautiful Red-breasted nuthatches ("Canadian birds invade Brooklyn," Nov. 10)? Not only is the word "invasion" used throughout, but in the last paragraph, gyrfalcons and snowy owls are called "jerks."

All these magnificent birds should be welcome in our neighborhood. Someone at The Brooklyn Paper should rent the Oscar-winning "Winged Migration"

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# Pigeon war on Eighth Avenue ... and our reporter is there!

Someone is killing pigeons on Eighth Avenue — wouldn't you know it! — I'm in the middle of it.

I might have gotten off scot free if my old nemesis, Councilman Simcha Felder, hadn't unveiled a bill this week that would make pigeon-feeding a crime.

Felder, like many New Yorkers, believe that pigeons are nothing more than rats with wings — dirty birds who eat our garbage, befoul our highway overpasses and, apparently even worse, live their lives the way they (instead of we) choose.

"We have pigeons doing whatever they do all over the city without anyone trying to stop it," Felder said when he introduced his bill.

Now, I'm not a fan of pigeons, either, but I have a certain respect for a life form that's been on the planet longer than we have. Makes me sometimes wonder who's the pest. Indeed, to a pigeon, a human is just a "fat with legs."

But I was going to give Felder a free pass until I got a call telling me about a flock of dead pigeons in a bloody heap near the corner of Eighth Avenue and Sixth Street.

Apparently, the Pigeon Serial Killer of Park Slope had struck again. This, I could not ignore.



The mysterious pigeon lover (right) confronts her neighbor (left), who she claims is poisoning pigeons. He denied it, and asked her to stop dropping birdseed in front of his house, which is around the corner from hers.

I was once hot on his trail. Back in the late-1990s, when I was working for Pigeon Fancy magazine (note: "We're cool for pigeons!"), I was sent to cover an incident involving wounded and murdered pigeons on Eighth Avenue, some with

darts still sticking out of them.

But the heat was on and the serial killer slipped under cover, away from my grasp.

I caught a break this week, when a pigeon lover started plastering flyers on public (and private) property — claiming

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that surveillance cameras would "monitor early morning activity on this block" in hopes of catching the serial killer at work.

I was on the next bike to Sixth Street.

The pigeon-lover (whose name I'm going to withhold for reasons that will soon become clear) met me at the corner carrying a baby pigeon, still bearing the tell-tale yellow hairs of his infancy.

She said she saved the orphaned bird after the weekend massacre. And she also claimed to know who slaughtered these defenseless birds.

"It's that guy, right over there!" she said, pointing at him. All I saw was a man sweeping debris in front of his house. But, wait a second, that's not debris — it's birdseed!

And the pigeon-lover is running over to him to start screaming. What is going on here? I'd been set up!

"Why are you sweeping up my birdseed?" the pigeon-lover screamed, demanding that I take the man's picture. "You're

the one who poisoned those pigeons over the weekend! And the press is here!"

The man denied poisoning the pigeons, by the way, but he didn't deny sweeping up all the birdseed that the pigeon-lover had left.

"Please don't throw birdseed in front of my house," he told her.

"My kid is allergic! My kid gets sick from those pigeons."

"Then you should move to the country!" the pigeon-lover said, drawing very little sympathy from the man (and, frankly, from this child-raising urbanite, too).

"Besides, there are no documented cases of anyone getting sick from pigeons."

"Can't you just feed them in the park? This is my front stoop!" he fired back.

This streetside "debate" wasn't telling me anything — except something we all know: pigeons evoke intense passions among New Yorkers. Sure, we're repulsed by them, but there's no denying that they are wildlife that are protected from murder by state law.

So Felder wants to make it illegal to feed pigeons? I'd be happy if he'd just end the war on Eighth Avenue.

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# Heights resident Norman Mailer, 84

By Adam F. Hutton  
The Brooklyn Paper

Norman Mailer may have been a jerk, but at least he was our jerk.

The Pulitzer-Prize-winning author was an "egotist," according to the London Daily Mail, a "combative, short-fused brawler," according to the New York Times and a "sexist, homophobic reactionary," according to the Guardian — but this week, Brooklyn Heights' own cast of characters shared memories that used words like "gentleman," "always polite," "shunned attention" and "kept to himself."

Norman — we hardly knew ye!

"His death is a huge loss for Brooklyn Heights and everyone in New York," said Greg Markman, a manager at the Heights Café, one of Mailer's local haunts, at the corner of Montague and Hicks streets. Mailer — born in New Jersey but raised in Crown Heights near Eastern Parkway — kept an apartment on Columbia Heights overlooking the Brooklyn Heights Promenade for more than 20 years until his death on Nov. 10 at age 84.

He was a member of the Brooklyn Heights Association, and, in the 1980s, took a great interest in the initial planning phases of what would later become the Brooklyn Bridge Park proposal.

Association Executive Director Judy Stanton recalled a "totally captivating" speech Mailer gave at the association's annual meeting at St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church on Montague Street in 1992.

"Everyone was in awe of him," Stanton said. "He was spellbinding, and I remember he got an incredible standing ovation."

Mailer covered a wide range of topics in his speeches, from contemporary architecture ("You can't tell a Roman Catholic church from a synagogue, a ski resort from a prison") to presidential candidates ("Clinton seems the most presidential") to the end of the Cold War ("When I visited Rus-

sia recently, I couldn't believe what a Third World nation it was. It was far from an Evil Empire").

When it came time for Mailer to take questions from his neighbors, he showed off his famous wit.

"I ask those who have powerful voices and short questions to speak up — I don't care how rude you are, but nothing too profane, after all, this is a church," he said.

Nando Ghorchian, who owns Café Buon Gusto on Montague Street, met the prolific writer in the late 1980s. Mailer and his sixth wife, Norris Church, often went to his restaurant on 77th Street in Manhattan and became regulars at his Brooklyn Heights location when it opened in 1992.

"He was a gentleman and a great writer," Ghorchian said. "He was very quiet and down to earth. He was a pleasure to know."

Stanton described him as "cordial and friendly," but added that Mailer was "seldom seen around the neighborhood in a social setting, so most people respected his privacy and left him alone."

The portrait of Mailer as a nice guy is completely contrary to his well-earned reputation as a violent curmudgeon. After all, he did stab his second wife in a room full of people, he did head-butt fellow writer Gore Vidal and he did bite off a hunk of actor Rip Torn's ear (to be fair, Torn came at him with a hammer).

If Brooklyn Heights residents loved him, they were not the only ones. Mailer was an A-list literary figure since the publication of "The Naked and the Dead" in 1948 — when he was just 25.

Twenty years later, he won his first Pulitzer for "The Armies of the Night" in 1968, and his second in 1979 for "The Executioner's Song."

Along the way, he wrote more than 40 books in six decades. He also authored countless essays, plays, newspaper and magazine articles.

And he ran for mayor in 1968 under the slogan, "No more Bulls —."



## A taste of our Norman

Norman Mailer (above, on Montague Street in 1991) lived much of his life in Brooklyn, but the borough doesn't make too many appearances in his copious work. Here's one of our favorite passages from "The Naked and the Dead":

"The candy store is small and dirty as are all the stores on the cobblestoned streets. When it drizzles the cobblestones wash bare and gleaming on top, and the manhole covers puff forth their shapeless gouts of mist. The night fogs cloak the muggings, the gangs who wander raucously through the darkness, the prostitutes, and the lovers mating in the dark bedrooms with the sweating stained wallpaper of brown. The walls of the street fester in summer, are clammy in winter; there is an aged odor in this part of the city, a compact of food scraps, of shredded dung balls in the cracks of the cobblestones, of tar, smoke, the sour damp scent of city people, and the smell of coal stoves and gas stoves in the cold-water flats. All of them blend and lose identity." — from "The Naked and the Dead," by Norman Mailer

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# Thankfully open

Don't want to cook on Thanksgiving? Let someone else do it!

By Daniel Goldberg  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Thanksgiving is all about family, tradition and togetherness. Sometimes, however, it seems that what we're most thankful for is living through another year of turkey troubles, cranberry sauce catastrophes and family feuds.

Brooklyn is a borough of gourmet take-out, dry cleaning delivery and Netflix addicts, though, so it should come as no surprise that even on Thanksgiving, you can have a traditional meal at someone else's table.

Whether it's turkey or Tofurkey (that's a tofu-turkey, and it's surprisingly good!) that you're looking for, some of the borough's restaurants are dishing it up from Bay Ridge to Cobble Hill on Nov. 22. And for that, we are truly thankful.

## Tempo Restaurant and Wine Bar

(256 Fifth Ave. at Carroll Street in Park Slope) accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$17-\$30. The restaurant serves dinner daily. Subway: M, R to Union Street. For information, call (718) 636-2020 or visit [www.temprooklyn.com](http://www.temprooklyn.com).

"We're always fully decked out for Thanksgiving with flowers, pumpkins, the works," Tempo chef Michael Fiore told GO Brooklyn. So gather your family around one of the restaurant's cherry wood tables and dig into the "extremely traditional menu" that includes turkey with apple pecan stuffing, bourbon-laced sweet potatoes and wax beans with lemon zest.

Looking to go in a different direction this year? Fiore is also offering a Mediterranean-inspired menu featuring "prime Black Angus rib-eye steak for two," with porcini mushroom potatoes. Dinner will be served from 3 pm to 8:30 pm for \$29.95 per person.

## Pietro's

(8727 Fourth Ave. at 88th Street in Bay Ridge) accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$8.95-\$18.95. The restaurant serves lunch Monday through Friday and dinner daily. Subway: R to 86th Street. For information, call (718) 238-8600.

While some families bunker down early to dig into their Thanksgiving dinner, those with more willpower would be smart to take their meal at Pietro's. Starting at 6 pm, the restaurant, which is known for affordable Italian fare like stuffed pork chops and its homemade mozzarella cheese, will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey with all the trimmings. "We serve the highest



Ready, set, gobble: The Thanksgiving meal at Pietro's in Bay Ridge will feature a turkey with all the trimmings. And the best part? Someone else is doing the dishes!

quality food in a casual setting at very reasonable prices," said owner Jimmy Matkowiak — though the price for the Thanksgiving feast has yet to be set. And if, just this once, a plate of calamari took the place of a green bean casserole, we certainly wouldn't complain.

## New Corner Restaurant

(7201 Eighth Ave. at 72nd Street in Dyker Heights) accepts American Express, Diner's Club, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$5.75-\$29.50. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily. Subway: N to Eighth Avenue. For information, call (718) 833-0800 or visit [www.newcornerrestaurant.com](http://www.newcornerrestaurant.com).

New Corner restaurant is famous for its homemade ravioli and veal dishes, but it's been serving up a traditional Thanksgiving feast alongside the regular Italian menu for years. The meal, which costs \$29 per person, includes an appetizer, a choice of penne alla vodka, rigatoni with portobello mushrooms or manicotti, turkey with all the trimmings,

coffee, fruit, dessert and nuts. It might sound good enough to take home and pass off as your own cooking, but owners Vincent and Steven Colandrea are keeping the dinner available to dine-in customers only.

## Marco Polo Ristorante

(345 Court St. at Union Street in Cobble Hill) accepts American Express, Diner's Club, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$14-\$28. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily. Subway: F to Carroll Street. For information, call (718) 852-5015 or visit [www.marcopoloristorante.com](http://www.marcopoloristorante.com).

One of Brooklyn's most elegant dining rooms, Marco Polo boasts valet parking, and a formally dressed wait-staff. In keeping with that reputation, owner Joe Chicirico is serving a three-course prix fixe Thanksgiving dinner for \$35.95 per person, \$18.95 for kids. The meal features a traditional roasted turkey with sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, chestnut stuffing and giblet gravy. But the restaurant's famed Italian menu

won't be on holiday: chef Bruno Milone will be serving his signature steaks and chops, as always with tableside preparation. If you love cooking, but you'd rather watch others do the work, get out of the kitchen and take the family to Marco Polo.

## Magnolia Restaurant

(486 Sixth Ave. at 12th Street in Park Slope) accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$12-\$24. The restaurant serves dinner daily. Subway: F to Seventh Avenue, M, R to Ninth Street. For information, call (718) 369-4814 or visit [www.magnoliabrooklyn.com](http://www.magnoliabrooklyn.com).

Magnolia's executive chef Geoffrey Moler said that his mission has always been to bring people together, and Thanksgiving is the perfect day to do that at this popular neighborhood hangout. Moler's signature dishes, like pan-seared scallops with wilted spinach and red potato cake in a citrus beurre blanc, will be served as usual, but

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## BOOKS

### Get lit

Some of the greatest writers of our day live in Brooklyn, but it's far too rare that talents hailing from elsewhere make the borough a stop on their book tours. With the fourth season of its "Eat, Drink and Be Literary" series, however, the Brooklyn Academy of Music is looking to put an end to that.

When tickets go on sale Monday, the hungry, thirsty and bookish will be able to secure a night with learned literati including George Saunders, Fran Lebowitz and poet laureate

of the United States Charles Simic (pictured at left). "One of the reasons that we started this was that there was a need in Brooklyn for a very visible literary series," said Harold Augenbraum (pictured at right), one of the moderators of the series and the executive director of the National Book Foundation. "One of the things about Brooklyn is that it's become recognized as one of the great literary centers of the United States and this is a reflection of that."

The series, which opens on Jan. 17 with Saunders and runs through next May, goes beyond the everyday reading series by offering a full dinner and wine in addition to the scholarly entertainment for just \$48 — which most talented writers could sink on booze alone.

"Eat, Drink and Be Literary" will kick off on Jan. 17 with George Saunders. Tickets to all events are \$48 and go on sale Nov. 19. For information, call (718) 636-4100 or visit [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

— Adam Rathe

## EVENT



### Holland days

If you've got wooden shoes, strap 'em on and dig over to the Lefferts Historic House in Prospect Park.

On Sunday, scholar Christopher Ricciardi will give a talk on the history of the Dutch in Kings County, part of "Five Dutch Days," a citywide celebration.

At the end of World War II, there were over 70 Dutch farmhouses and barns remaining in Brooklyn, but today only 13 remain. As original buildings are fast being swallowed up by new development, this celebration might be your last chance to appreciate some of Brooklyn's hidden Dutch treasures.

And if buildings don't make you feel warm and fuzzy, try a quilt on for size. The Lefferts Historic House's collection of antique Dutch quilts (as well as 15 contemporary quilts) will be on display through Nov. 25, and kids will have a chance to try stitching one together.

"The Lefferts family was among the first Dutch settlers to bring the European tradition of quilting to the New World," said event organizer Isak Mendes, who said that this makes the Lefferts Historic House the perfect spot for the celebration.

The Lefferts Historic House (located at the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard in Prospect-Lefferts Gardens) hosts Ricciardi's lecture on Dutch Brooklyn on Nov. 18 at 2 pm. Free. Kids' quilting workshops will take place on weekends at 2 and 3 pm through Nov. 25. For information, call (718) 789-2822 or visit [www.prospectpark.org](http://www.prospectpark.org).

— Chris Varnus

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## Weekend warriors

Williamsburg filmmakers answer the query: are LARPs just dorks or are they heroes?

By Karen Butler  
for The Brooklyn Paper

What could possibly compel grown men and women to don medieval garb and head to a public park so they can beat the snout out of each other with foam maces, battle-axes and swords — without even getting paid for it?

Two Williamsburg filmmakers asked that very question and the answers they got were neither simple nor silly, as some might expect.

For their documentary, "Darkon," co-directors Andrew Neel and Luke Meyer followed a group of Baltimore-based, live-action role-playing gamers in an effort to understand what motivates and sustains this eclectic group of weekend warriors who create characters, assume their personalities and act out adventures in a game with well-defined rules and elaborate story lines.

While some LARPsers captured on camera insist their participation is nothing more than recreation, others describe life in the Realm of Darkon — a make-believe world set in a bygone era — as a way to escape mundane jobs, belong to a community of people with similar values and interests, and be the heroes they wish they were in real life.

"Obviously, we thought the subject matter was amusing, but I think, more than that, we were charmed by what they were doing and why they were doing it," Neel told the Brooklyn Paper in



**Video gamers:** "Darkon" directors Andrew Neel and Luke Meyer followed a group of live-action role-playing gamers to create their new film, which is airing on the Independent Film Channel.

a recent phone interview. "In editing, we were delicate about portraying them in a way that would allow people to laugh with them and not at them."

Despite the fact that a large portion of the general public doesn't even realize these kinds of groups exist, live-action gamers frequently find themselves mocked by those who do know about them, but don't get why they do what they do.

It is no shock, then, that Neel and Meyer found themselves working hard to gain this particular community's trust by convincing them they wanted to honestly portray who they are, not play their activities for laughs and paint them as ridiculous.

"Luke and I dealt with that head on, right in the beginning," explained Neel. "They have their Senate meetings every couple of weeks and so we addressed the Senate and told them what we were doing and why we were doing it and that we realized that it would make sense if they were worried about us, because people see them as dorks."

"But we told them we didn't really see it that way and that we wanted to make something more exciting than that... It took a while to gain their trust and I think, some people, we never did fully gain their trust. But the majority of people, I think, really became pretty comfortable with us being around."

Woven in between the interviews with gamers and footage of them playing, are scenes from a fantasy film that somewhat mirror the action of the game and what the players might be imagining they look and sound like on the field.

"It was a highly subjective film. We were creating a fictional fantasy movie within a documentary. We were trying to recreate the experience of playing the game — recreate the experience in their heads of what it was like to play the game," said Neel, grandson of Greenwich Village portrait painter Al-

ice Neel (1900-1984). "There was never any commentary because we didn't want the audience to abstract the activity. Although there is an anthropological element to it, we didn't want it to be some sort of dry analysis of why they were doing it. We wanted to lull the audience into getting invested in the characters and the narrative and, maybe, breaking down some of the barriers and preconceptions that people have about these people and what they are doing."

Since winning the audience award at last year's South by Southwest Film Festival, how have audiences reacted to "Darkon" and were they even aware of this sub-culture existed?

"Hipsters are very aware of the movie. It obviously has some sort of hipster objectification appeal," said Neel. "It's kind of surprising how many people are like, 'Oh, yeah, I know those people.' Everyone has seen them in the park, gotten glimpses of it and been like, 'Oh, my God, the guys with the sticks.' People, obviously, weren't aware of it in a comprehensive way, but people kind of knew what it was, at least."

Neel knows a little something about hipsters, having lived and worked in Brooklyn for about eight years.

"When I moved out here [from Vermont], it's where all of the interesting stuff was going on. It's where the artists and filmmakers lived and a lot of my friends were out here. No one could afford to live in Manhattan any more, so everyone went to Brooklyn," noted Neel, adding that the area has changed significantly over the years. "Of course, it would be hypocritical of me to complain about it. As much as I do complain about it, I'm certainly part of what and why it's changing. It's becoming gentrified, it's becoming yupified and sterilized a little bit, but so is the whole city."

### CINEMA

"Darkon," directed by Andrew Neel and Luke Meyer, will air at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, and at 5 p.m. on Nov. 23 on the Independent Film Channel. For more information, visit [www.ifc.com](http://www.ifc.com).

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**Prospect Cafe** suddenly closed, leaving crunchy Slopers one less place to park their strollers as they munch.

If it is, nobody told the folks at **Pi-ramide** (499 Fifth Ave. at 12th Street), a "modern Mexican cafe" opening on Nov. 26 for three nights of complimentary tasting, wine and mariachi music.

**the chef and owner at Sweet Melissa Patisserie** (276 Court St. at Douglas Street in Carroll Gardens and 175 Seventh Ave. at Second Street in Park Slope) will appear on a holiday-themed episode of "The Food Network Challenge."

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# The big 2-5

*BAM celebrates 25 years of global 'Next Wave' festival*

By Adam Rathe  
The Brooklyn Paper

With a lavish cocktail party, the premiere of choreographer Tero Saarinen's Shaker-inspired dance piece, "Borrowed Light," and a dinner on the 45th floor of Lower Manhattan's 7 World Trade Center, the Brooklyn Academy of Music truly celebrated the 25th anniversary of its "Next Wave" festival last week.

Before the curtain went up in the opera house on Nov. 7, the Leperot Space, which usually houses the BAM-Cafe, was packed with deep-pocketed donors and local luminaries — we loved your coat, Jane Waleantini — who munched on passed canapés and sipped wine (no full bar, folks) before slipping into their seats.

The men looked all business but the ladies, especially the two wearing the same green dress, were certainly decked out for the evening. And every one looks better under the twinkling lights of installation artist Leo Villareal's "Stars," which shone in the windows all evening long.

But it wasn't always this luxe at 30 Lafayette Ave.

"Twenty-five years ago, I was employed by BAM to produce the first Next Wave festival," said Joe Melillo, BAM's executive producer. "So I was running around in jeans and a work shirt, not a suit and tie. That first festival was [small], but this year is the largest festival I've ever produced."

Indeed this year's fest, which included the U.S. premiere of Israeli playwright Hanoch Levin's "Kinn," a sparse drama featuring TR Warszawa, Poland's famed theater company, and the already legendary all-night "Takeover" party, where hundreds of people piled into BAM for a party featuring a brilliant and unexpected Lindsay Lohan mid-career retrospective, has been rather expansive. But according



The whole BAM fam: Clockwise from above: Maria Nurmela performing in "Borrowed Light"; dynamic DJ duo Andrew and Mercer; choreographer Mercer Cunningham and Judy Fishman; and Bart Barr, Trisha Brown, Lou Reed and Laurie Anderson.

ta' [in 1997] — it was 10 hours long!"

Melillo added,

"The most incredible thing I've seen at BAM was 'Einstein on the Beach' by Philip Glass and Robert Wilson."

Offering a more philosophical take on the history of the festival was Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

"The best thing I've seen at BAM is how it's grown and flourished to become America's premier cultural venue," he said. "And seeing all the Manhattanites crossing the bridge to come to our events?"

to BAM President Karen Brooks Hopkins, it isn't the only thing that's grown.

"I was a lot younger and a lot thinner 25 years ago, but I was still working at BAM. Nothing changes," the still-svelte Hopkins told GO Brooklyn. And in that time, what was the best performance that she's seen?

"I've seen lots of things in my millions of years, and there are a lot of things that I've loved," she said. "But my favorite was Peter Brook's 'Mahabharata'."

On any other night, Marty, not this one. After "Borrowed Light" let out, the well-heeled crowd headed from Fort Greene to Manhattan to enjoy a dinner of caramelized onion and goat cheese turnover, potato-crust cod and melting chocolate cake with hazelnut ice cream and pomegranate coulis. The raw space of 7WTC, which was decorated by Fleurs Bella's Bella Meyer with a Shaker theme including baskets of apples, metal jars filled with branches and an overall earthy theme, was brimming with close to 850 guests including performance artist Laurie An-



After all was said and done — with a last minute change of venue thrown in for good measure — pulling off a production like this might have been the most impressive part of BAM's 25th anniversary season.

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the Thanksgiving menu offers a few special extras. The four-course traditional dinner, \$32.95 and \$14.95 for kids 12 and younger, will include pumpkin ravioli, grilled asparagus and the classic turkey dinner with wild mushroom stuffing, mashed sweet potatoes, vegetables, gravy and cranberry sauce. Hopefully you live downhill from here, because Moler might have to roll you home!

### Laura's Gourmet Bistro

(1235 Prospect Ave. at Reeve Place in Windsor Terrace) accepts American Express, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$10-\$18. The restaurant serves dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Subway: F to Fort Hamilton Parkway. For information, call (718) 436-3715.

Laura's Gourmet Restaurant is celebrating this Thanksgiving with a feast all its own. "It's a traditional Thanksgiving meal with an Italian accent," said owner Laura Leone. The menu will include baked lamb, fried zucchini, three types of soup and homemade pumpkin ravioli — handmade by Laura's mom. Also on the menu is a traditional roasted turkey with chestnut walnut stuffing, gravy and a salad garnished with oranges. All her herbs are from Italy or Leone's garden. Laura's also prepares Thanksgiving meals to bring home, even for large parties. "In a few words," she said, "I'm breaking my back."

### Hunter Steak House

(904 Fourth Ave. at 94th Street in Bay Ridge) accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: \$15-\$33. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily. Subway: R to 95th Street. For information, call (718) 238-8899 or visit [www.huntersteakhouse.net](http://www.huntersteakhouse.net).

Customers at Hunter Steak House might not be used to ordering anything but a steak, but on Thanksgiving the restaurant is offering a traditional turkey dinner for \$26.95 per person. If you're in the mood for something less fowl, opt for a stuffed chicken dish with bourbon smashed sweet potatoes, roasted Alaskan salmon, penne with shrimp in vodka sauce or, of course, Filet mignon. The four-course prix fixe menu includes soup, salad, dessert and coffee, and a children's menu is also available.

### Cattysack

(249 Fourth Ave. at Carroll Street in Park Slope) accepts Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Subway: M, R to Union Street. For information, call (718) 230-5740.

Cattysack is rediscovering the meaning of Thanksgiving by donating all profits from its third annual Thanksgiving feast to charity. The "shack" doesn't usually serve meals, but it's swapping dance parties for dinner parties on this very special night. For \$30 per person, the bash includes an all-you-can eat buffet plate of turkeys with all the trimmings as well as vegetarian options. Celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and enjoy table games, football and old movies in a buzzing informal space. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the All Homeless Youth, a charity that benefits gay and homeless youth.



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# Guerrillas in their midst

Museum honors secret society of masked feminist pranksters

By Lisa J. Curtis  
GO Brooklyn Editor

Brooklyn Museum Director Arnold Lehman is certainly not a bad sport — he just presented an award to a group of art activists who once protested his museum's most-controversial show, "Sensation."

Nonetheless, the Guerrilla Girls — four artists who don gorilla masks partly for the attention and partly for the anonymity they provide — earned Lehman's respect.

They're "far from frivolous," he told GO Brooklyn at a luncheon in the museum's Beaux-Arts Court.

The Nov. 9 ceremony, lunch and fundraiser, organized by the museum's volunteer Community Committee, marked the first time an institution of this size and stature had honored the

gang of activists who have been fighting sexism and racism in the art world for 20 years.

But Lehman treated it like another day at the office. After all, he said, he had just attended a gallery show by notorious Manhattan artist Dash Snow — who uses ejaculate like Jackson Pollock used paint.

But it did feel a little odd to the honorees.

"We're happy being outsiders," said Kathie Kollwitz (or, the woman who uses Kollwitz as her pseudonym) from beneath her gorilla mask.

"We're totally perverse. With this honor, and being included in the 2005 Venice Biennale, as a political artist, you have to ask, 'what am I doing wrong?'"

But we are also artists and believe in getting our message out... Are we being co-opted? Who the hell knows?"

Belle Tanenhaus, who coordinated the event, said the GGs were a perfect fit with the museum's new feminist department. "We thought this would be a stimulating and provocative program," she said.

And provocative it was! Although the GGs have published several books (including "Bitch: Bimboes and Bullbreakers: The Guerrilla Girls' Illustrated Guide to Female Stereotypes"), and been approached by produc-



Welcome to the jungle: Four of the original Guerrilla Girls, who go by the pseudonyms (left to right) Alice Neel, Gertrude Stein, Frida Kahlo and Kathie Kollwitz, were honored by the Brooklyn Museum's Community Committee on Nov. 9.

ers who want to make films about their lives, and have a class about them being taught at Brooklyn College, their true identities are still unknown.

To this day, the artists feared their careers would be harmed by publicly condemning —

through posters and demonstrations — injustice in the art world.

With their PowerPoint presentation, the four GGs (Kollwitz, "Frida Kahlo," "Gertrude Stein" and "Alice Neel") reminisced about their early days of

plastering posters on mailboxes (a federal offense!) and rebuking the titans of the art world — the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"When we put up the posters, we would be chased by the cops," recalled Neel, her mask's rouged lips catching the spotlight.

They said they came to affectionately refer to their work tallying up the ratio of female to male artists displayed in those museums as their "weenie count," but said that while there are moments when women artists seem to be getting more wall space in museums and galleries than they used to, those high points are followed by trends where the number of works by female artists takes a dip.

Despite those setbacks, the GGs continue their worldwide mission, while encouraging others to join their cause.

"Change doesn't happen," said Kollwitz. "You have to fight for it. Create your own crazy way of being an activist and feminist."

Curiously, during their historical reverie, there was no mention of the GG's poster targeting the Brooklyn Museum's 1999 "Sensation" exhibit that claimed British collector Charles Saatchi

"paid the museum to show his art collection."

Kollwitz confessed that she and the other GGs really "aggravated" over going along with museums, as they are now asked to create artworks for institutions and high profile events, including the 2005 Venice Biennale. Even being honored by the Brooklyn Museum requires them to transform from outsiders to insiders when they accept the invitation to speak. The GGs say they cooperate if it helps bring their message to a larger audience, but they were careful to point out that the award wouldn't absolve the Brooklyn Museum of any future scrutiny.

"We're happy to get the award, but it doesn't mean the pressure is off," said Kollwitz. Of course, Lehman isn't worrying.

"Why would I?" he said. "Their goal is to move things positively forward."

Among the suggestions offered by the GGs in getting more art by women on the walls, was to get more women curators on museum staffs. Lehman told GO Brooklyn that half of the museum's latest hires are "young and full of energy" and half of them are women.

One of those curators, Maureen Kelly of the museum's Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art, welcomed the GGs with "giddy, bad girl pleasure" and characterized their work as being in the tradition of do-gooders Batman and Robin.

"We do have a secret society all over the world," proclaimed Frida Kahlo. "Watch what you say."

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But would it fly in finicky Boerum Hill where boutiques and restaurants can drop as quickly as rents rise?

"So far, so good," she said.

And why not? With items ranging from 50-cent candles and cheap gag gifts to luxe stationary and a \$250 cocktail shaker shaped like a lighthouse, Lopatin's store captures the funky and chic sensibility of the neighborhood perfectly.

"I love this area," she said, "but it was always missing a cool, eclectic gift

shop." So using the skills she developed working for high-end companies like Ralph Lauren and Coach, Lopatin began buying top-notch merchandise with a Brooklyn flair, like boxer shorts emblazoned with pictures of Ebbets Field and marble coasters with a map of the borough printed right on them.

"The Blue Ribbon is in the name," she said, "because I am always trying to find the best of what's out there."

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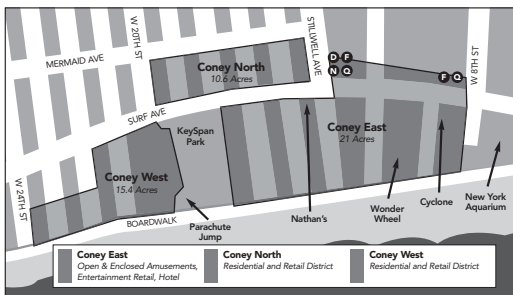
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Mayor Bloomberg announced his plans for Coney Island during the Chamber of Commerce's annual luncheon at Gargiulo's on Nov. 8.

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ences in Bloomberg's and Thor's plans for the amusement district. First, Bloomberg wouldn't permit hotel construction in the heart of the district or along the Boardwalk. And second, the city wants to rezone the amusement district as public parkland.

To do so, Bloomberg will still need to buy out Sitt — who paid more than \$100 million for his land — and some smaller-time landowners, rezone the land, and then hand-pick a new developer.

Horace Bullard, a developer who owns land in the amusement district and who once harbored similarly grand visions for the area, said he didn't think the administration would run into much opposition from local property owners.

"No one in his right mind will be fighting the city on this issue if he's justly compensated for it," said Bullard, one of the landowners who would, indeed, need to be compensated.

But not everyone shares Bullard's rosy optimism.

Dennis Vourderis, whose family has operated the Wonder Wheel for 87 years and owned the Wheel, its popular kiddie park and the

## Step right up

The mayor's announcement that the city would buy out developer Joe Sitt and redevelop Coney Island on its own created winners and losers aplenty.

### Winners

**Carol Albert:** The Astroland owner sold her land to Sitt for far market price and expected to be shut down. Now, she'll stay open — and the city will pay Sitt back.

**Joe Sitt:** He bought land in hopes of striking it big. Now he can hold the city over a barrel to get his price.

**Horace Bullard:** He's owned land in Coney Island for decades — yet was not able to do a thing. Now, he'll get paid off, too.

**Time-share lovers:** Anyone who was dying to own a Coney time-share in a Sitt project now has more time to settle for a mere hotel room.

**Losers**

**Joe Sitt:** He wanted to build a legacy-making project and "save" Coney Island. But the city proved him wrong.

**Dennis Vourderis:** The owner of Coney's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park will now have to fight a city effort to take his land.

**Time-share owners:** Anyone who was dying to own a Coney time-share in a Sitt project now has more time to settle for a mere hotel room.

"We must give the owner opportunity to take care of the building," she said. "The city can step in and do emergency repair work if the owner fails to do so."

In fact, HPD has done emergency repairs twice this year. In March, before Malha's accident, the agency installed a sidewalk shed, but the structure failed to catch the glass that hit Malha's car later in the month.

HPD was back on the site in August to seal openings on the lower floors and to remove windows from the upper levels, but on a recent visit to the site, windows were still in some of the top floors.

The building's notoriously reclusive owner, Dorothy Nash, could not be reached for comment.

She had been represented in Small Claims Court by her insurance company's lawyer, who also did not want to comment for this story.

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there were numerous other complaints about falling debris at 187 Seventh Ave., the former home of the quirky and much-missed Landmark Pub.

"It's infuriating that the owner was allowed to get away with this. No one is forcing her to do anything," said Malha, former chairman of Citizens for the Preservation of Windsor Terrace.

Two agencies have let go of their responsibility to keep the public safe on the sidewalk — the departments of Buildings, and Housing Preservation and Development.

But a Buildings spokeswoman said the agency has taken steps to safeguard the site.

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# PARENT

## Smartmom, Hepcat sweep aside memories

Smartmom and Hepcat spent a weekend afternoon going through 13 years of basement storage deciding what to keep and what to throw away.

A rubbish hauler was booked to arrive first thing that Monday. They'd put this off long enough. It was time.

Hepcat, who would rather have a colonoscopy than go through his beloved storage, did at least get in on the act. Something compelled him to do this time.

Perhaps it was the nagging — or the threat of divorce and dismemberment if he didn't comply.

Or maybe it was the fires in Southern California where 1,500 homes were destroyed.

That tragedy got Smartmom thinking about the meaning of things. It forced her to contemplate what she would take with her if her apartment was burning and she had a split second to decide.

She wondered if she'd grab the decoupage vase that Teen Spirit had made out of a bottle of wine for Valentine's Day



By Louise Crawford

when he was in third grade.

Or would she grab the heart-shaped bowl that says "Mom" that the Oh So Feisty One painted at one of those paint your own pottery places?

Smartmom knew she'd grab her computer, where most of her writing lives. Much of it is backed up, but just in case...

What about the baby books and her wedding album?

It's awful to think about. And yet, in the end she knew that she'd just make sure that everyone got out safely and leave it at that.

Though she would grab that computer. Some things are just too vital to her. Smartmom would definitely leave behind her collection of more than 100 vintage globes, the Wedgwood china that belonged to Hepcat's grandmother, and their wedding

silver, which she adores.

There wouldn't be time. And in the end, things are replaceable.

Eleanor Traubman, a professional organizer whose Brooklyn company is called Inspired Organizing, spoke to Smartmom about this recently. She often asks her clients, "Is it possible to hold onto a memory without holding onto the physical reminder?"

Sometimes the answer is yes. Other times, it is a resounding no. But Traubman believes that it is possible to select a few meaningful things as reminders without keeping everything.

Miraculously, Smartmom and Hepcat were able to substantially reduce their basement storage with a minimum of fighting and biting. If those years of couple's therapy has taught them anything it is to stay out of each other's way.

That's right. Smartmom kept a healthy distance as Hepcat dutifully went through box after box.

She even stopped herself from saying, "Don't you want?" to get rid of that 20-volume set

of the Handyman's Encyclopedia that was picked up at a library sale on our honeymoon that is now slightly damp and mildewed?

She prevented herself from saying, "Do you really need to keep 12 computer monitors that don't work anymore?"

She resisted the urge to say, "Can't we trash those boxes of Computer Shopper magazines from the late 1980s" (sure, they're historic but...).

For Smartmom, it was easier to part with the mildewed past. Truth be told, a dank, occasionally flooded, basement is no place to keep children's clothing and toys anyway.

It's downright disgusting. Smartmom did uncover some treasures. She even got teary when she found the yellow Little Tykes car that brought Teen Spirit countless hours of joy rolling up and down their long hallway when he was 3.

There was OSP's green tricycle and boxes of toys that they couldn't even sell at their stoop sale last summer.

For Smartmom, it felt good to downsize. Maybe her recent success at Weight Watchers (16 pounds and counting) has taught her that less is more. It

feels good to travel light.

Hepcat doesn't share that belief. He is buffeted by the past. It makes him feel safe and secure. His reverence for things is something that Smartmom both adores and abhors about him.

While she is moved by his sentimental ways, she is also overwhelmed by the storage problems that such ways present.

There aren't enough closets, bookcases and storage rooms to contain all that we are. That's why it's important to find other ways to hold onto the past and recognize that things only tell part of the story.

The next morning, it took five guys from Mr. Rubbish less

than a half-hour to put everything in the garbage compact.

When the job was done, Smartmom felt relieved. She knew she didn't need all that stuff they'd been clinging to. What matters in life are people and experiences. Sure it's nice to have mementos — but only as long as you've got the square footage.

For now, Smartmom cherishes Teen Spirit's decoupage vase and the heart-shaped bowl that OSP made.

And her computer. That's where she records her memories. And they don't take up much space anyway.

Louise Crawford writes "Only the Blog Knows Brooklyn" Web site.

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### Little Monkey Lost

Keith DuQuette

Ken DuQuette will read at the Brooklyn Museum on Nov. 17.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 17**  
12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: Puppet show: The Pined and The Magic Flute. Puppeteers: 338 South Ave., at Fourth Street in Park Slope. \$8 adults, \$7 kids. Reservations suggested. Call (718) 963-3371 for info.

**11 am and 2 pm:** Art workshop. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Parkway). \$8, \$4 seniors and students, free for members and children 12 and younger. Reservations necessary. Call (718) 638-5000 for info.

**1-5 pm:** Kid's book fair. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Parkway). \$8, \$4 seniors and students, free for members and children 12 and younger. Reservations suggested. Call (718) 638-5000 for info.

**3-5 pm:** Dance workshop. Brooklyn Arts Exchange (421 Fifth Ave., at Eighth Street in Park Slope). \$20 per pair, \$15 single. Call (718) 532-0018 for info.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 18**  
12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: Puppet show. See Saturday, Nov. 17.

**1 pm:** Turkey-inspired arts and crafts. Salt Marsh Nature Center (3302 Ave. U at East 33rd Street in Sheepshead Bay). Free. Call (347) 701-8674 for info.

**2 pm:** Kid's play: "The Velveteen Rabbit." Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College (2900 Campus Rd. at Hill Place in Midwood). \$12. Call (718) 951-4200 for info.

**3 pm:** Kid's play: "Tobias Turkey: A Thanksgiving Tale." Shadow Box Theater at the Brooklyn Music School Playhouse (126 St. Felix St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene). \$10. Call (212) 724-0677 for info.

**3 pm:** Storytelling event. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture (53 Prospect Park West at Second Street). \$8, \$4 kids. Call (718) 766-2972 for info.

**MONDAY, NOV. 19**  
**4 pm:** Big movie for little kids. Screening of "Katie" (1956). \$6.50. Little Hill Cinema (205 Court St. at Butler Street in Cobble Hill). Free popcorn. Call (718) 596-9133 for info.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 24**  
**2 pm and 3 pm:** Kid's quilting lessons. Lefferts Historic House (just north of the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard). Free. Call (718) 965-8999 for info.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 25**  
**1 pm:** Painting class. Fort Greene Park (Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park entrance). Call 311 for info.

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## A chance to get your Gersh on!



Our editor, Gersh Kuntzman, once again manned the moderator chair for BCAT's "Reporter Roundtable" and once again brought together the "A" list of Brooklyn scribes, including (from right) Tom Tracy of the New York Post-owned Courier-Life chain, Jotham Sederstrom of the New York Daily News and Rich Calder of the Post. The show makes its debut on Friday, Nov. 16, at 9 pm and will be repeated on Monday, Nov. 19, at 1 pm; Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 and 9:30 pm; and Thursday, Nov. 22, at 2 and 10 pm (perfect with turkey and stuffing). BCAT appears on Time-Warner cable channel 56 and on Cablevision's channel 69.

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**glass**—bottles & jars only

**plastic**—bottles & jugs only

**beverage cartons**

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